

THE *Unlearned Alchymist* 9.533  
HIS  
**ANTIDOTE.** 4

A more full and ample Explanation of the  
Use, Virtue and Benefit of my **PILL**.

Entituled,

An effectual { Diaphoretick, } purgeth by { Sweating  
Diuretick, } Urine.

Whereunto is added,

Sundry Cures and Experiences, with particular  
direction unto particular Diseases and Distempers.

ALSO.

Sundry plain and easie Receipts, which the Ingeni-  
ous may prepare for their own health.

Together with

A precious Pearl in the midst of a Dunghil, being  
a true and faithful Receipt

OF

**Mr. Richard Mathews's PILL,** K

According

To his Own practice recorded in writing under his  
own hand, 1659.

Presented to the world by Mrs. Anne Mathews, amongst  
many sad Complaints of wrongs done to her, and the  
Commonalty, and her deceased Husband.

By Richard Mathews, and are to be had at his house by the  
Lyons Den at the Tower, next Gate to the By-mard.

**LONDON,** Printed for Joseph Leigh, at the  
upper end of Bazing-hall-street, near the  
Nags-head Tavern, 1663.



**W**hereas Mr. *Richard Mathews* hath through many difficulties attained to the making of this Pill, as well by trying experiments upon his own body, as also by observing in the compounding thereof, when every materiall thereof was maturely fit to be put together (the which being not done by an experienced hand, the Vertues of some of the Ingredients may easily be killed, for experience by observing the operation of the Pill hath lately added to his knowledge) Which Pill was not put forth by him upon the bare knowledge, or sudden action of an unexperienced Theory, but after the Practick thereof had made the experience facile and certain to his understanding; And hath left the Art of making thereof with his Wife, Kinsman and Servant *Michael Lins*, who saw the experience of the making thereof, thorow whose hand, and before whose eyes the whole work alwayes passed.

And whereas diverse (upon the pretence of the Theorick, without the knowlege of the experienced Practick part thereof) have

have undertaken, and are about to undertake to make the Pill, and have unhandsomely gotten Mr. Mathews Bills to put off their Pill with.

And although they then rightly gathered that from Mr. Mathews, yet I am sure they know not all the Ingredients thereof in his last improvement of it.

And therefore least that the unexperienced Pill-makers should deceive the People, and endanger the health of any; and also least the Credit of the Pill should fall by their uncertain working thereof, and so both the City & Countrey lose the benefit of the Pill's virtue.

I invite and desire Wisemen to consider, whether Paper Directions may not be as sufficient to guide a Ship upon the Sea, without any further experience, as it can be to the making of this Pill; and whether it be wisdom to venture upon the taking of these unexperienced Pill-makers Pills, or no.

And that this Pill may be a blessing to the people, and the credit thereof not impaired by any uncertain workers there.

of: I do certifie, that the Imitators thereof being spoyled in their proceedings, do threaten me with printing their Receit: If they be engaged in conscience so to do, it had been well they had done it at first, I am content, onely I entreat those honest men that shall work by their paper, to make as good proof of God's blessing upon their labours before they put their Pill to publick use, as we did upon ours.

Though it be above Fourteen Months since my Husband Mr. *Richard Mathews* died, from which time the Imitators of the Pill have been making and vending their product: yet for want of signal testimony of God's blessing thereupon; they have deceitfully adulterated our Book, and cut our part thereof to hide their nakedness, and so puts to sale (with their Pill) the abused Book: as if Gods blessing upon my Husband's labours were for a probate of the virtues of their Pill; but truthleeks no corners: This deceit was found out at *Jo. Loddingtons* shop the 7<sup>th</sup>. of *March*, and at *Geo. Kendalls* the 9<sup>th</sup> of *March*, 1662. And at *Giles Calverts Shop*, the 17 *March*, 1662.

But

But let not any one think that adulterating our book, or arrogating unto themselves my Husbands approved experiences of cures done, by Gods blessings upon his Pills, although they should be largely and amply recited by them from his Book in their printed Bills, will do them any good, or his Widdow any harm, either in the sight of God; or of men of understanding,

And also I do advertise all men by this; least the Country should be deceived, that I will put forth this Pill to be sold at no place in *London* but my own house, and these persons hereafter specified;

And I do further certifie, That according to the rate of our former selling, there is as much of Mr. *Richard Mathewes* own preparing before he dyed, as will serve the City and Country some years in the custody of his Widdow; and are to be had as formerly, at her house by the Lyons-Den at the Tower, next Gate to the by-Ward.

And to be sold by Old Mr. *Jennings* my friend, at his house in the Long-Walk in *St. Mary Magdalen Southwark* near the Church, and where his Conveniency may be, & by Mr. *Coats* Scrivener, over-against the Green Dragon in *Lyme-house*, and *Joseph Leigh* Bookseller at the upper end of *Bazing-hall-street* near the Nags-head-Taverne, and *Theodore Jennings* Scrivener at the Dogs-head in the Pottage-pot in *Kings-street Westminster*, and no where else.

To

To all that are sick under Pains, Ashes  
gripings, divers Diseases, Surfeitings, Ob-  
structions, Consumptions, of what kind so-  
ever, and whosoever but more especially  
unto all such of them that fear the Lord in  
truth and uprightnesse, and of these especial-  
ly such as are poor, and have no Money, *Rich*  
*Mathews* your brother & companion in the  
Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, hum-  
bly Dedicates this his little Book, together  
with his Work and Labour, with what is his,  
devoted to your service,

**I**T is meet of good right, that this my Booke  
should be dedicated unto you, who daily find  
the power and virtue of my Pill whereof I  
have spoken; let all the world see themselves  
against it as they please, I know your expe-  
rience will vindicate it; and verily if my Pill  
hath not deserved it from your hands, I will speak  
not a word for it; but whatever in this Booke hath past  
me, let it for ever stand for nothing: and I do attest  
not only to you all, but all the world That if I be  
deceived concerning the true worth and power of my  
Pills, verily it is you that have deceived me, my Con-  
science bearing me witness I have not added unto  
these Reports which you have brought me, but have  
with much sobriety left out much, which would have  
beighined the power and worth of my Pill; but I am  
assured from my own knowledge, and daily sight and  
hearing that things of like nature are done by it day-



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ly, blessed be God; and therefore I know there is no deceit in the matter. Receive then I pray you, this little Book into your protection, and speak as you have found, and speak that which is true, I desire no more, I know that is sufficient, for the Truth is strong, and no force can keep him in bonds, whom Truth acquits: It were better that I were not, than it were not my portion.

It is neither Power, nor Greatness, nor Humane Art, nor Learning, that I flie unto for Patronage onely the clear and unbiassed witness of Truth, which can be in no other mouths then such of you, the Authors of all these several Reports, Cures, and Wonders I have set down in this Book, most of which my own eyes were Spectators, and consequently Witnesses of their verity and truth; neither am I unsupplied with as many more which here are not set down. But these have spent much paper for me to write, and much of your patience to read; and he that will not believe at the sound of this Trumpet, but shuts his ears, resolved not to hear, this man will not hear if I had set down five times as many more.

But unto the Second sort unto whom I tender this Dedication, viz. The Faithful that are yet on earth, but their Treasure in Heaven, and their hearts where their Treasure is; that at the present, if need be, are in heaviness through manifold temptations, sicknesses, pains, aches, and weaknesses of body, I do in a more especial manner dedicate my Book, self, work, and labour of love unto you, who are your brother and Companion, and with you have borne the chasten-

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chastening of the Lord, I know your happiness, and feel it, and am made and enfranchised a Citizen and fellow-servant with you, and have laboured through Christ; and have not fainted; and now knowing your happiness, do rank my self with you, as being made partaker of like precious faith, and indeed desire above all other, to be made manifest and known unto you: I know (although I am a stranger unto you as to this body, and this world, yet) I have spiritual feeling and feasting with you, in and from that abundance of endless joys freely bestowed in the blood of Christ: And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with the Son of his Love, whose blood cleanseth us from all our iniquities: And blessed be God, who hath helped me through all kind of Snares & temptations, so the end I might by experience know his Salvation, his Power and Goodness. And this is my triumphing joy, That my Father is pleased to let me live to comfort and help many, and thanks be given to him, there are but few days past me, without the happy tidings of saving the life of one poor creature or other; I speak as a man, and in this judge by man's reason. And now my beloved Brethren, as I have freely received, so I freely give: For (above all other) I thirst to serve both in body and spirit. My Master hath returned upon my head the fruit of my Labour, which indeed hath been much and long: And wherefore have I been always beaten down with sickness and weakness of body, but that I might be improved (as I have been improved) for your service and advantage, of which indeed you may make bold

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a bold challenge, and require the same as your just Right and Propriety.

But unto the third sort now I speak, viz. you that fear the Lord in truth of heart, and are under his Fatherly chastening of pains, sicknesses, and bodily pressares, and are poor as to the things of this world, and wherefore is it? but that in being here you might not be to your selves as men; or to this world, as this world: You are not poor, but you are rich, riches that fadeth not away, made rich through him that became poor, that he might make many rich. My brethren, be without carefulness or fear, because 'tis your Father's pleasure to give you a Kingdom, a Kingdom that remains to eternity, eternally in the Heavens: You will possess it at that his appearing, when you shall appear with him in Heaven, glory that cannot be shaken: And if your earthly Tabernacle perish daily, is it not the Minister of joy, forasmuch as it tends to no other end, but to haste you to rest. Now is the time of your labour in fruit-bearing; herein is your Father glorified (that in, and against the strongest wrestlings of this world, & of your own corruptions and Satanicall tentations and delusions) that you bring forth much fruit, to the end his fruit may remain in you, and his power rest upon you: You know in all your griefs and ails he is Joy, Peace, Rest. Get then to rest, cease from man, for wherein is he to be trusted? your self and all selfness, your own works, as God did from his: Enter the blessed Rest, holy Sabbath, through Christs atonement, through him, and in whom we are complete and perfect.

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perfect. For shame be silent, the Lord comes into his holy temple, your bodies are the Temple of the living God, his house and habitation you are; he daigns to sup and dine with you, and is with you, and in you stand fast then in that liberty wherewith he hath made you free, take heed of harkning to flesh and blood; be not entangled with the yoke of bondage to fear again; if you touch your burden with your armes you must needs faint; but if you throw it on him, he will sustain you. He bore our sicknesses, the chastisements of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed: Be like him who opened not his mouth, although the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all; Sicknes and Poverty are not the greatest of Evils; nay they in their depth (with divine Love and Presence,) are joyous and glorious: I never found greater joy, peace and consolation, than when I was in the greatest pain and bitterness, when as to this world there was little hope of life: then was there life in beauty and strength. You of all others are most blessed and happy, because the Eternal Crown & weight of glory and Righteousness is prepared for you.

What shall I say unto you, my dearly beloved brethren, with whom life and glory dwelleth? Oh! my heart is pained for you, yea my soul and spirit within me is set on fire; with love, care, desire, endeavour how I might be most manifested unto you, to bear all your distresses, if it were possible for me: But alas; it is a small thing I am able to do; but I will tell you, Jesus Christ will make his Crosse and Yoke easie and light to you: Go to him, he is the Fountain, all ful-

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ness is in him, and he freely distributes without upbraiding, yet he is perfectly able to save all that come to God by him. And as for me, his poor servant, I beseech you pray that I may be found faithful in my Stewardship, improving his manifold gifts unto his ends; and therefore in his Name and Fear, & in discharge of my duty unto him, and out of faithful and true sympathy and fellow feeling with you, I do therefore in his Name and Fear invite all that are poor, having no money, and fear the Lord in trust of heart, and are sick, and are in pains and aches of body, that they would come & receive at my hand this Pill, or what else the Lord hath given me for their health, freely for Christs sake, without money or reward: Prone I pray you, and assay, whether I be the man or no that I here would be taken to be. Then, come once and again, as your distress requires; only as I am a man, hide not your selves and condition from me, and I hope still in him in whom I have always hoped, I shall not be left without either a heart, or wherewith to refresh them, that in the Name and Fear of God come unto me; entreating you to joyn with it your Faith and Prayer for a blessing, looking on it as a means of God ordained for your help and comfort; then do I not fear a good and blessed success in the use of the means which the Lord hath put in my hands for your ease, healing and benefit.



INASMUCH as there are divers persons  
that pretend that they make my Hus-  
band Mr. Richard Mathews's Pill, some of  
whom work by a Receipt that was undu-  
ly perverted to serve that purpose, lest my  
Husbands own Pill ( which we made )  
should be used as a means to promote  
and vend those unexperienced Workers  
Pills, and thereby endanger the health of  
any. I make known, to the World, that  
I will not sell my Pill where I know or  
suspect the unproved Pill is to be sold.

Therefore I cease to deal with Nathani-  
el Merry of Bristol, and Henry Pierpoint of  
Bishopsgate-street London, & also I cer-  
tifie that I have published the Receipt of  
the Pill as my Husband made use of it till  
1659, after which he never gave forth the  
Receipt of his Operation.

**W** Hereas in the Life-time of Mr. *Rich Mathew*, my Husband, the Pill (that some men for their own ends) now call Mr. *Starky's* Pill was scarce known, or to any degree fam'd in comparifon of our, *viz.* Mr. *Mathew's* Pill: but in my Widow-hood (because oppression and wrongs is the Widows portion) it is much urged by the foresaid men (who I presume never had any such instructions from Mr. *Starky*) that it is one and the same with my Husbonds Pill, and that with palpable untruths, saying, my Husband put Jollop and such like things, otherwise it were (say they) the same with Mr. *Starky's* Pill, and therefore would have it go by the name of *Mathew's* Pill.

And also those that have broken their trust with my Husband (or belied themselves) in breaking up the Seal of that Receipt for their own use, which my Husband left with them to be broken up in the time appointed onely for the publick use, and those that purchased or procured Receipts from them, would have their Pill call'd, Mr. *Mathew's* Pill.

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My desire is, to the intent the proper fruit may appear upon its own tree, that no cures that was done before *June* last. (until which time they had our Pill amongst them) be believed to be fruits of their Pill, if they should be so gross as to arrogate the same, but let every Father own his own Child.

And I further desire that to all those that pretend to sell *Mathew's* Pill, the question be put, Whether what they sell was made by Mr. *Mathew's* hands, or his Wife's, or *Michael Lyne's* hands, who all three all along joined together in the Operation thereof: and if they be truly satisfied therein, then are they sure that they buy not one thing for another. And let God that respecteth the Widows Case bless all the Pills as he pleaseth, and make me rejoyce therein.



I do

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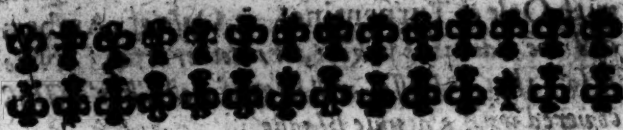
I Do further Certifie that I have Agreed  
with Mr. *Edw. Terril*, Schoolmaster,  
dwelling in *Corn-street*, near the *Tolzey* in *Bris-  
tol*, to sell my Pill, Antidote, and Oyl of  
Amber: and all such who in those parts shal  
have occasion to make use thereof may have  
the same either by Whole-sale, or Retail, at  
the same Price I sell for at *London*.

And by Whole-sale I intend no less quan-  
tity then a quarter of a pound, which is my  
rule at *London*.

Do not let your children be  
with the schoolmaster;  
dwelling in the house, and the  
let, to let my bill, and of  
Amber; and all that who in those parts that  
have been to make the school may have  
the same either by whole-sale, or retail, at  
the same price I sell for at home.

And by whole-sale I intend no less than  
twenty shillings a quarter of a pound, which is my  
rule at home.





An effectual { Diaphoretick, } sweating,  
                  { Diuretick, } purgeth by } Urine.

**L** Et the Patient take this Pill when he goes  
to bed, if a man of a middle strength, ben  
about ten or twelve grains, or about the  
bignesse of a grey pease: but be sure at first to take  
little enough for being a true Cordial, there is no  
danger of a little quantity, and after increase as  
you find your strength to bear it, and as you have  
need of it, with judgement and discretion: Drink  
a little Sack, White wine, or Beer after it,  
keep Bed till you find your head well settled, which  
will be about twelve or fourteen hours: it will be in  
some more, and in some less, be your own Judge,  
otherwise you will be sick and vomit, which you  
may prevent if you keep your head to your pillow,  
if you must drink, let it be good, little and oft,  
it may be it will astringe for three or four days: but  
you shall find a breaking of wind, no heat or Swel-  
lings, but a good digesture of meat, no fumes: Last-  
ly, all goes in a loose sharp stool. Unto Children of  
two years old, give the quantity of a Barley-Corn,  
and so upward according to their strength. Note,

that when this Pill is dry, it must be moistned  
with Oyle of Turpentine, or Oyle of Amber;  
and the older it is kept, the better it is. Note  
also, that no Vessel will keep it well, but a Glass  
covered with a double Bladder.

**H**is Pill is a Corrector of all Vegeta-  
tive persons.

This that I have written is  
true, although some there are  
which takes it in foul scorn that I  
should profess that power, as to correct Opium;  
and they themselves cannot; but let  
such contentious Doctors know, that the  
Gentleman is yet in very good health that  
drank 200 grains of Opium at one draught,  
which was of my correcting.

So that if it be taken after any poison vomar-  
itive or laxative it will not work at all; or when  
any poison works ever violently, it forthwith stops  
it by reason of its corrective power.

This also, as far as my experience hath  
taught me, is true; and if any list, let them  
make further proof.

In like manner it corrects all persons in quain  
body from head to feet.

By constant experience we find its work-  
ing so various and strange, that we can be-  
lieve

lieve no less; for although to all appearance people that are alike troubled, yet will it vomit some, purge others, and make others sweat out of measure, and others purge strangely by Urine, and others as strangely send forth Rhumes and Flegm at the mouth, and some others it may be, none of all these, but will break out all over; and sundry other ways as Nature hath provided to great wonder, which people when they are well, tell us how strangely it wrought with them. Unto God onely be given all the praise for his mercies; it sufficeth that people find relief in their distress: So that indeed we do clearly see it doth ransack whole Nature, of what temper, complexion, or constitution soever, and finding out what it is that is noxious unto it, finds out one way or other, as Nature is most prompt to administer relief, and according unto our experience it is ever constant unto a constant mind; and most certain it is, that many foolishly out of a fond conceit, because this Pill hath operated contrary unto what they before-hand have supposed, have left its use to their great hurt and damage; and at this day (out of some such fantastical humour neglecting it) languish in their pains and griefs, these lending their credulous ears unto the envious, which neither

know nor understand the thing they speak  
 evil of; but thou which wilt believe thy  
 experience, will find, that if thy grief lyes  
 in thy head, any part of it, thou shalt be  
 sure to find it awakened; nay, of-times  
 when men do not think that their griefe  
 lieth there, by reason (it may be) that thy  
 illness proceedeth of some old Cold, or Sur-  
 feit, or Bruise, so as thou hast forgotten it,  
 this Pill will begin at the root of thy grief;  
 and if of wind, it strangely followeth it up  
 and down the body of man, till it be turn-  
 ed out: Or if it be some inward breach or  
 forenesse, or Imposthumes, it (by reason of  
 its power from fixt Salts) doth break, and  
 (by reason of its Balsomical virtue, doth)  
 heal above belief, so that people inform us  
 of great pains and griefs they have had for  
 some years, till by this Pill (sometimes)  
 stinking matter, and (sometimes) stinking  
 blood hath been sent forth, which hath  
 been infinitely beyond my skill to help:  
 But God hath blessed the use of this Pill to  
 save the Lives of many so grieved, blessed  
 be his Name. And if the defect be amongst  
 the Urinures, Kidneys, Reins or Bladder,  
 then the effects by Urine is admirable,  
 much beyond our reason: For it sometimes  
 sends out stuff of diverse colours, and some-  
 times but one colour, like snor, and like  
 jags

jags of cloth, jags of paper, and of diverse colours mixed together; and sometimes swimming on the surface, and sometimes lying in the bottome, and so also hath brought out many stones, many of which we have to shew, which people that voided them upon the taking of the Pills, have brought us: Also Gravel in abundance, red and other colours, which it doth by its power from fixed Salts, and the true preparing the Spirit of Turpentine: and I do attest unto all men, that I am six Months in preparing the Spirit of Turpentine for this Pill: And let all men know assuredly, it is not, nor cannot be ripe for this Pill under: and therefore thus duly prepared, I do believe a higher Balsome is not in the world, both inwardly and outwardly: God grant I may use it to his glory, and peoples good: For we find it so potent in cleansing all Windiness, Sliminess, Stone or Gravel, and in case of Flux of Blood, Running of Reins, and the like, or Flux or Scouring, I think the like is not to be found: for by reason of the mixion of forcible Vegetatives, it doth so sweetly stop all bleeding beyond belief, although it be either by Fundament, or by Urine, or by Mouth, as in Consumptions; or at Nose, it forthwith stops it as soon as it is warm in their bellies: If it be grieve of



the Joints; Ach of Bones; paines of the Feet; as the Gout in the Feet, or the running Gout, or that which is called the Kings-Evil; by that time a Pill can be warm in their belly, the Patient will be sensible of ease; and to the praise of God I speak it, many of every Sex and Age that have not been able to feed or help themselves, or stir a Limb in their beds, with the use of this Pill are now in health, and set at liberty: There would be no end of speaking, and yet but what is true, the wonderful works that God hath done by this Pill both inwardly and outwardly; and if those take it who have Consumptions, with sore Coughing; also those that wheese with shortness of breath, with coughing; I say, there are many of these alive, thanks be given to God, who comfortably enjoy themselves, which to the appearance of man would never have held out, and many of these perfectly cured, and so remain, which indeed is more than in reason we might have expected; for according to the Opinion of the ablest in Physick, these distempers proceed from a debility in Nature, and therefore not curable; but God hath shewed his power and goodness to many, that there doth not appear the least sign of a distemper; so that in a reasonable time both Cough and Rhume is quite gone, and

and breathe it with I am loath to recite particulars, and yet give no more but the very truth, because I know many will hardly believe it; (and yet I am constrained here to give some instances) for I speak not this without witness, thanks be to God; many hundreds about London will give testimony of the truth written, with thanksgiving unto Almighty God, who hath strengthened and opened their breasts when they were almost brought unto the gates of death, God blessing this Pil to them for their reviving, thanks be given to God for all his unspeakable gifts.

I had a Maid-servant that from a Child had a sore Cough in such extremity, that I feared oft she would never get breath again, it had such violence upon her, and she said it would never be cured; it was natural unto her, and that her Mother dyed thereof: I caused her to take of these Pills as well for my own quietness as her cure, she did so disturb me in the night-season: I gave her but little ones, and gave them time: she never lay hour for them, but rose every morning all Winter, and did perform her duty in the house without interruption, and I think it was half a year (or near) before it was quite gone, and in that time it took it so perfectly away, as to my know-

ledge I heard her not cough in half a year more, nay, not while she was in my house.

A man so afflicted with shortness of breath and coughing, as did exceed most that I have heard of, and he sends to me for Pills, which hee took, and with his own mouth telleth us, that for seven years he was so grievously afflicted therewith, that he could not all the Winter-season lie down in his bed; and if he had assaied to do it, then he should strangle, and of a sudden start up, and stretch up his arms above his head to get passage for his breath again, which with difficulty he recovered: Said he unto us, The first Pill that ever I took of yours, I laid me down and slept sweetly all the night: at which I and my Wife greatly admiring, praised God, as also we did with him: and that it seemed more strange, hee said he coughed not, nor was sensible of any straitnesse of breath all the night; & this man remains so wel, that to my knowledge he doth not spend so much as one quarter of an ounce in a quarter of a year. It grieves my heart as I go up and down the streets, to hear the people cough and wheeze, holding their sides with short-breathing, when God hath put in my hand so great a blessing for mankind, and yet will not make use of it, many that have knowledge of it, and if

if I should go about to perswade them to it, ye will imagine I do it for my own advantage: There are some that have much to answer for dissuading well-minded people against it to their hurt, I pray God forgive them: it is evident that they themselves can do nothing in this case, but are just like the Dog in the Manger, that will eat no hay himself, nor suffer the Horse to eat: notwithstanding a volume might be written of its power and efficacy, which is true and real touching its present help in the cases aforesaid.

Likewise for all kind of Scouring & Fluxes whatsoever: and therefore it is truly said, that it is a Corrector of all poisons within man's body, from his head unto his feet.

*And helps the Patient to cure, except it be over long decocted, that it becomes Cronical; yet then it gives perfect ease.*

The cures which hath been performed in this four or five years last past, are too many here to recite: I shal give you a few instances such as came at the present into my mind as I was a writing, by which the rest may be the better guessed at.

A woman that is now well and in health (ready to bear testimony if there were occasion) comes to me, and pressed me to consider her condition, which indeed was  
very

very lamentable and sad; for one of her Legs was all out, or very near as big as my Waste, with sundry stinking Fistula'd Ulcers running in it, which I was not able to look on: This Leg growing into this condition, she told me, was ten or eleven years, and all that time she could get no help, and had spent what she was able, in vain: I gave her of my Pills at a small rate, considering her condition, and willed her to prove whether there were likelihood of help by them, to apply nothing outwardly, but to wash it with her own water, or with Brandy-Wine; she accordingly did, keeping it warm, as she ought to do, and so gave my Pills time, which she accordingly did; and at first they did not wholly sweat her out of measure, but did throw out abundance of filth out of measure at the Ulcers, that did greatly wet her bed in the night; she began to be fearful, and I perswaded her to patience, whereon she continues her order, and when they had thrown out all that was fit to be thrown out, then began the bigness of her Leg to abate, and so with abundance of ease sweetly took down her Legg, and healed those Ulcers unto her great wonder; and when she was near whole, and had but one hole in her Legg open, and the greatness of it gone, and that Legg no bigger then the other,



other; some of her Gossips perswaded her  
 if she did not keep one of the Ulcers open,  
 that she should dye: I think she was near  
 six Months in bringing her Legg unto this  
 condition; and then she left off, that so the  
 hole left might run stil; and so it did; and  
 by degrees her Legg began to swell again;  
 and I on the other side wondered what was  
 become of my Customer; for my counsel  
 to her was, That if the Pills healed them  
 all perfectly, she was a happy Woman, and  
 ought to give God thanks for it, and fur-  
 ther, That if they were all whole, she would  
 yet continue taking of them for at least  
 three Months, that her nature might get  
 strength, and find other purgers then at her  
 Ancles, considering for how long time her  
 nature had been debilitated, and other e-  
 mantuaries found, which nature did not  
 ordain, but she forsaking this advice, as is  
 abovesaid, relapsed; and finding that her  
 Legg began as fast to go back, as when she u-  
 sed the Pills it did heal, she fell to work  
 again; and followed the taking of the Pill  
 as shee ought, and through God's mercy  
 perfected the cure, as is to be seen at this  
 day; and now it may be shee sends for a  
 quarter of an Ounce in three or four  
 months. Unto God who sheweth mercy  
 to the poor that put their trust in him,  
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be all praise and glory, for ever, *Amen.*

There came unto me two or three men of good quality, and brought with them a Country-man about twenty years old, extreame lame and weak of the Palsie, so sore that he could not burton himself, nor put on his cloaths, nor feed himself: I gave him six Pills, with a little Oyle of Amber of my own drawing; he never came again so much as to return thanks (I hope he was thankful to God.) A while after I met one of the Gentlemen that brought him to me, in *Abchurch-lane* end, in *Cannon-street*, by meer accident; he gave me many thanks for my love unto his Friend, and told me that he was gone down into the Country again very well about his business, and had strength and use of his hands and limbs to his great joy and comfort. Praised be God.

I will now recite you here another, I think as strange a cure as any hath been done in this latter age of the World; and truly had I not done it my self as a weak Instrument, I should very hardly believed it; and truly I will not vary one tittle from the naked truth, to the best of my understanding and knowledge: And it was upon an Inns of Court Gentleman, that was once of the King's Army a Collonel, he being desperately

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ly sick of a very foul and desperate disease,  
 and had took many Pills wherein much Quick-  
 silver (as is supposed) had been put, but pro-  
 cured nothing but signs of death, that his  
 Messenger told me he never looked to come  
 off his bed, a bold Woman came to me with-  
 out any guise or colour, and told me plainly  
 how it was with him, and I not much caring  
 for such kind of Patients, gave her about six  
 Pills, and sent her away, and bid her as he li-  
 ked them, to send to me again: she soon came  
 again with these words in her mouth, *The*  
*Gentleman saith, that he never met with an honest*  
*man till now; and doth entreat you that you would*  
*not slight him in this sad condition; but go for-*  
*ward with him; by what you have done already, he*  
*is in hope of sudden cure; for by and by after one*  
*of your Pills were in his belly, the sore wracking*  
*of Limbs, and gnawing of his Bowels did cease,*  
*and that he is greatly refreshed with them.* I  
 sent him more of the same, with order  
 how to use it more effectually. Shortly after  
 she came for more of the same, and then  
 she did assure me, that my Pills and Drink  
 which he took, had such wonderful effects  
 upon him, which did almost fright them,  
 but that he was hearty, and eat his meat,  
 they should have feared, for all his hair  
 came off from all parts of his whole body,  
 and also his whole skin came off all over  
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his whole body, and also all his nails, both on his hands and feet, came off from him, and without any violence fell off of themselves: I do protest, as in the sight of God, what is said, is true, to the best of my understanding, and about three weeks after I began with him, or thereabout, this Gentleman came to me, and shewed me his naked body, which I was loth he should; and not one hair upon him, but a fresh skin, as of a young child, indeed he looked shotten and wan, as one that had been sick, and so he had. He told me he was as well as ever he was in all his life; and that which made me more to wonder, was, that the nails of his hands did then begin to peep out, like the little white that is at the root of our nails. I may not handsomely say any more, I bless God that hath guided me to speak what is very true, and nothing but what is true.

*Over long costed, that is become Cronical.*

Through length of time that humour commonly called Peccant, or acrimonious, or Tartarous, although its begining may be but some ordinary cold, yet being long neglected, and many noxious humours thereby ingendred through long Circulation 'twixt heart and brain, these two being the extremities of heat and cold; I say, with subjection, that these humours 'twixt  
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heat and cold; the heat of the heart which causeth them to ascend, and the coldness of the brain causeth them to descend: This work continued; those Rhumes must needs grow fixt; and considering that the Salt of Nature willingly joins, as Salt would be in water as his proper vessel; hence ariseth those gross Diseases called *Cranial*; so called, because they are out of the reach of *Galenical* Physick. Every common Chymist doth know, That long sublimation or Circulation doth fix the subject, so that diseases of this gender are for the most part incurable; and let all be warned betimes when their head and teeth ache, and Rhumes in their Eyes, they slight it, because they do appearance do amend; and many indeed doth, and too many fall into this gulf, which doth not so appear (it may be) in seven years after; by that time their Rhumes get a Crown upon their head, they grow surley, & appear in diverse manners, as first fore pain in the head; then the evil of the Eyes, beware of blindness; then out goes the teeth with great pain; or else when this humour becomes more gross, then out they go with the Sourrey, then beware the Lungs; it is now grown sharp and corroding; then look unto the region of the Bladder and Kidneys, and all the griefs that do attend them. But if it do escape these, then look well to your Lips for the



the Sciatica; and if you escape that, then beware the Feetal know wel that *Paracelsus* prescribes a four-fold ground or Radix of all diseases; but it it doth not bend with my brain I think it all lieth here; and touch one, and touch all; and let that Medicine be produced in the world; and appear; that is like unto my Pill, that will both ease and cure these; some, and all of these at least. Consider what I have said, and what further shal be said concerning it; it hath pretty well spoke for it self.

There are hundreds of other diseases which all hang on this root; for as all diseases take their beginning of a Surfeit; of one kind or other; so do they all finish in a Consumption; called death; of one kind or other; and their variations are from the severall Complexions and temperatures of men; and their mixture as Sanguine, Choller, Melancholy, Flegmatick; their temperature, whether hot, cold, moist or dry; and the severall compoundings of all these; all which passeth my brains: I do not know them for my self; and therefore undoubtedly cannot know them for any other; neither do I take it upon me; but my Work teacheth me to know, that long Circulation doth produce fixing, and when fixt, it's effects are more or less strong or weak; much or little, according unto the degree thereof.

A man is therefore truly called *Microcosm*, a little World, a World indeed of wonders; Solomon saith (speaking of man) *God hath set the World in his heart, and who can find it out?* And in his Book of Wisdom where he promisseth to teach us all Wisdom, and the beginning of it, and whence it is, he telleth us something of his own beginning, that he was born of a woman as all others are, and more he teacheth, but of that nature, wherein he whispereth, that man is the seat or subject of true Wisdom, which you may read at your leisure.

A late, but expert Philosopher telleth us in one of his Riddles, that he had been all his life-time sailing 'twixt the Arctick and the Antartick Poles, which in another place he calls his mouth and his belly; and who is so wise as to see the mystrie of Hunger, and what it is that hath power to satisfie its draught or attraction; and when Hunger is satisfied, what the operation of Nature is, until it come unto the Antartick or Expulsive Pole, how forcibly Nature wil throw out the feculence, after curious Nature hath drawn and elaborated the subject, and separated the quintessence, so that this little World hangeth upon the two Poles, Attractive and Expulsive. Now then if there be a man in the World that knoweth himself,

then would I ask what that man is ignorant of; but if thou couldst as it were go out of thy self, & could diligently converse with thine own intelligences, and the operation of the threefold world in one, *viz.* Celestial, Intelligible & Terrestrial, or Beastial, mixt with infernal through the fall of man, I say the vast Latitude and extent of man in all respects, thou wouldst find him such a mystery as hath whole Nature contained in him, & consequently the variety of his ails are accordingly; whence very many take their root from the mind, and very many from secret Sympathy and Antipathy, which (with a witness) sheweth the presumption of Pisipot-Doctors, nay that man, or hundredth man, may be truly called wise, that is able with their tongues to give a true Character of their own Ails, which I speak it boldly, not one of a hundred is able to do, & God knows they are administered to accordingly; all which duly considered, thou wilt see reason and cause why the Ancients spent their time in searching out Medicines *Universalis* to the conclusion of all things. I have therefore from the serious consideration of the premises, wholly set my self unto the study of Hermetick Physick, and that is wholly set on two things, *Universalis* for safety when wisely administered, and

and *Universality* in operation; and let it not seem to thee as a new or strange thing; this is evident in the Books of the Ancients as the height of their skill, and nothing more frequent in all their Writings, then receipts of *Medicine Universal*, as all that read can bear witness; and if I should give you their Receipts, it would swell this *little Book* unto a *great Volume*.

I do affirm unto all men, that there is nothing contained in all the three Kingdoms of Nature, *viz. Mineral, Vegetative and Animal*, but that it doth contain in it self *Medicine Universal*: Suppose what you wil in the World, if he grant that which no man can deny, *viz. That all things created by the blessed Trinity are made of Three, Salt, Sulphur and Mercury*; then take I pray you what individual you please, suppose it to be a *Vegetable*, any Herb of any kind; for the *Arcanum*, or Spirit of Life is the same in all things, and separate by a natural proceſſe: These three substances, give them their due cleansing, *viz. for the Salt give a Natural Calcination*, then dissolve, filter, coagulate, and again calcine, repeating these so long until they wil yeild unto thee no more Fecis; but be sure thy Calcination do not excite too much, for thy Salt doth also consist of three

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sorts, a fixed Salt, and a Nitrous, and a Volatil; and if thou stir him too much, be sure thou wilt give wing unto the Volatil; this wisely prepared is a great treasure: be as careful and as natural in the cleansing and rectifying of thy Sulphur, and likewise of thy Mercury, each one according unto the kind; and being cleansed according to Art, then conjoyne them according unto the poise of Nature, then feed them by *Vulcan's* hand; but let not his *Bellows* be too big until all re-unite again, and do fix, and make it lively: This Work being finished, I do demand of all men what this wanteth of an Universal Medicine, or fifth Essence. Now that Salt, Oyl and Water wil really become a body, is evident; for the mediation of Oyl, or Fat, or Sulphur, binds or brings together the two extreames, *viz.* Salt and Water, the one being fixed of kind, and the other being Volatil; the sweet mediation of Sulphur brings these extreames into unity; and this is apparently seen in a vulgar working of Sope: And although that working be violent and unnatural, yet is there such a conjugal embracing each other performed, and that in few hours, as would puzzle a good Artift to undo (truly) for some months, if it can ever be done at all: It is not Fables I speak of, nor scraped out



out of Books without Reason, but is the daily work & labour of my hand, with reason upon experience that enforceth me to believe this matter; and I have spoke the more unto it, because many that want not ignorance, do laugh at an *univerſal* Medicine; but I am upon good grounds bound to believe, that all and every thing in the World hath it, yea the moſt deſpiſed creature that the moſt high God hath created and made; and further, I freely grant the leaſt or worſt of things that have being, doth carry ſo much of the Wiſdom of its Creator in it, that the more I have and do labor to know its extent, the more I am at a loſs, yea indeed I become the more a fool, confeſſing freely, that I know nothing as I ought to know it; and if of creatures thus to ſpeak in general, then what ſhall we ſay of the moſt choiceſt creature, MAN? This then I do certainly take alſo for granted, that there is no ſickneſs or ailc attends the body of man, but this cure is of, and from his own body; he always hath it with him, if he knew how, and what and when to apply it to himſelf, either of his ſubſtance, or of his excrements.

From hence may the miſerable eſtate of poorman be diſcerned, who of all creatures when he is ſick is the moſt helpleſs, miſerable, full of tormenting pains, and aſigno-

rent of his own cure, or what should cure  
 him; for men in health think not on sick-  
 nesse until they be sick, but spend their  
 time in the bestiality and sordid cov-  
 etings after the things and pleasures of this  
 life, blinded in sin, and drenched with Sur-  
 feiting, either abusing God's Creatures, or  
 themselves in inordinate desire after them,  
 so that they neither know God in his Word,  
 nor in his Works, nor themselves, or what is  
 good to help them; one word further which  
 sets out mans misery; and I hope may awa-  
 ken some to *amendment of life*; I would ask,  
 Why is it a man suffers such *intollerable pain*  
 in sickness and death more then a Beast? I  
 wil give two Reasons for it: First, the in-  
 cireness of Natures composition, together  
 with the length of time in his maturation;  
 for things wherein Nature hath but a weak  
 and short time of coction, admits of an easie  
 and sudden dissolution or separation; eve-  
 ry one in every thing discerneth this; but  
 man hath the most perfect composition of  
 any thing that hath an *animal life*, with  
 sence and feeling: And add to that the  
 great time he requires before he come up  
 to his full strength, this must needs require  
 some hard knocks in the *dissolving*; as well  
 as it did receive time and strength in *coct-*  
*ing*. Secondly, That which is more then  
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this, is the force of the imagination and apprehension both of death, and of Gods displeasure for sin; all which doth make him so mightily sensible, that the terrors of death is oft born before it comes, as in *Agag King of the Amalekites*. A word to a wise man is sufficient, because this is not my proper discourse intended in this place.

What hath been said, let it admonish all men as they tender the welfare of body or soul, not to be unfurnished for either, assuring that they wil not be hurt by true knowledge; & do therefore conclude, that the Medicine that strengthens and comforts the Vital Spirits; fortifies the heart, and purgeth and cleanseeth the blood, is an Universal Medicine; for what temper or quality aboundeth and exceeds the poise of Nature, that is he an Enemy unto; as if a man have a Fever, that I suppose wil be granted to be too much fire; he is a perfect Enemy of that; or if Wind, drives away that, these things are common with me performed with my Pil, judge of it as you please, and I shal count it sufficient through Gods rich mercy and goodness frequently to cure, and frequently to ease pains and ails counted incurable.

*It being taken for granted, that all diseases for the most part proceed from a poisonous quality, he:*

trogenial to Nature; if any man list to deny or dispute this, I would gladly be informed by him.

For Agues, if this Pill be taken in reasonable dose two hours before the fit, and a glass of Sack or Ale drunk after it.

That is to say, so much as the patient finds by good experience that he can bear; and observe this order, two hours before the fit comes take two pills, and in the interim of fits take one pill.

The Patient being put into a warm bed disposed for sweat, at three times taking it (for the most part) is absolute cure; let it be never so malignant.

The pil working by sweat principally in this Disease, requires a warm bed; and that two hours before the fit, because by that time the pills wil contribute their virtue all over the Body, so that instead of having a cold and shaking fit, the patient wil be asleep, and in a fine sweat, provided that you have given a right dose, that is, so much as the strength of the patient can bear, and the disease doth require; it hath fallen out oft, that one pil alone hath cured an Ague; and it falls out, that some that are compounded with other Diseases, wil not be cured with twenty; yet all do feel their benefit at the very first taking of it, which wil give them encouragement sufficient to per-

persevere and give it time, if it be so that the Disease require it; for you may take notice that the Ague is but the beginning or fore-runner of many other Diseases far worse then it self, as Dropfie, Scurvey, Jaundice, and oft-times Consumptions; yet though the bounty of God I have helped many far gone with all these, with this pil, & very little other things to help: it is also to be noted how *irregular* many are in the use of means, who wil never give themselves time nor rest, but finding their fits at the first & second taking to be gone, wil no longer be ruled, and wil take no more; and thus in 6, or 8, days their fits come again, whereas indeed they had need to take them at least fourteen days after the fits are gone, that Nature may get strength, & the blood thoroughly purged; & some that wil not be ruled, have come again and again; & urged their business permitted them not; but some of these, by that time the *Winter* hath come unto its depth, their business hath permitted them to dye. I do make mention of this to second my admonition, & I do warn and charge, that although the first pil that you take, to your thinking, hath conquered your Ague, that you notwithstanding expect it as soon as the power of that pil is wrought



wrought out, except you supply with another, and that for some time, you may fear its coming again: There is not any case wherein people have more abused themselves, and me in my Credit and Pills, then in this business of Agues, all which might be easily helped, if people would follow home as they should; but let him that is disposed to play with his Ague, assure himself his Ague will not play with him, neither let him think that it will be set going with one violent potion; for experience telleth those, that so doing they do but drive themselves into the Drop sic, as extream vomiting with unknown powders; not but that a vomit is rational and necessary with other means; there would be no end for me to write particulars, the cures have been so many, for many hundreds have been cured herewith, and many have helped their Friends with my Pills; whose faces I never saw, and they are a living Testimony of the power of my pills.

*The like for all kind of Fevers, onely instead of Sack drink White-Wine; but if the Fever have got head before this Pill be taken, and the Patient weak, and wanteth the benefit of nature by siege, there is a proper Clister to be taken to cleanse, open and cool the Patient, but upon their life not to neglect the taking of the Pills.*

As to Fevers through the bounty of Almighty God I think greater wonders have hardly been seen, how speedily and effectually this Pil in few hours doth over-rule the disease, and in a little time doth cure them, as may appear by the instances following. One of my neighbors comes unto me, and brings another with her, and desired me to visit her daughter which lay at the point of death, about eleven or twelve years of age; her sickness was an High Fever accompanied with excreas shortness and want of breath, left off by a very honest and able Doctor, who told her Father and Mother, That if she desired any thing, they should give it her, for he would not prescribe or give any thing more unto her; & further, that she could not live until the morrow morning; she also said, that she would desire me if I thought good, to give her any thing, if she should die, yet it would be no discredit unto me, for they all looked upon her as dead although she were alive: I went with her, & took of the extract of my Pil; and truly I never saw in all my life greater weakness and yet live; at her Mothers entreaty I gave her half a Spoonful of my Extract in White-Wine and Sugar, and said, if it please God that she do sleep and sweat for next her of them she could not be brought

brought unto) I do not much fear but that she may yet recover: while we were speaking a very little while, her mother telling me the manner how she fel sick, she turned her self about, said she, I think my child is asleep already. I wished her to feel on her forehead, & it was a little moist: I caused all to depart the room, & I went home, this was at four in the afternoon, and just about eight the neighbor that came with her mother, came in great haste, & told us that she had slept and sweat all that while, and now she was awaked and called for meat, and they desired to know what they should give her. I wil say no more of this, what is said, is true, and wil speake for it self; it is sufficient through Gods wonderful blessing upon the pil as the means, this Child is in perfect health, as far as I am able to judge, neither do I doubt but this with other instances wil stand in the face of envy it self, praised be God who giveth me many such like witnessses, whose record is true, and wil stand on my behalf both in Heaven and Earth.

Another instance I wil give you more strange then this, A Gentleman wel known comes to me with a grave Gentlewoman with him, and he told me he had an only Son of about thirteen years old, who had lain sick of a Fever about seven dayes,

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and that he neither did eat, sleep nor  
 sweat, but did burn as if he were on fire,  
 and that for want of rest he did talk idle,  
 and that he had used means uneffectual,  
 and did much fear his life, desired me to  
 give something that might do him good: I  
 gave with him a little Bottle of the afore-  
 said Extract of my Pil, and willed them to  
 make haste, and presently give him one  
 spoonful in two of White-Wine and Sugar,  
 which as it appears, they did; I told them as  
 I did unto the other, that if I did produce  
 sweat and sleep, I did not doubt the recovery  
 of his Son (in an ordinary way of Gods  
 providence) and that I had daylie experience  
 in like cases, and I further willed them  
 to give him the like portion every half day  
 until he was wel, if they thought good to  
 follow my advice (which advice cost them  
 nothing.) About two days after the ancient  
 Gentlewoman comes again with the same  
 Bottle, and I am sure I did hardly miss one  
 spoonful, in so much that I would have for-  
 gotten her (if I could) to have taken all her  
 money again, but I could not, and she said,  
 That they made haste as I bad them, and  
 what was wanting, they gave it him at that  
 time, and he presently fel asleep, and also  
 into a gallant breathing sweat, and so he lay  
 asleep in his sweat six hours (for Nature ha-  
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ving ease, the Patient wil soon sleep) and then he waked and called for meat, which they gave him, and it did wel agree with him, to all their exceeding joy & comfort, and said he, he is very wel, and doth continue sleeping wel and orderly, and also eating his meat; and I give you a hundred thanks, and have brought you your bottle again, it may please God it may save the life of another, for he never took it but once. Now I do assure you, God Almighty the faithful and true Witness knoweth, that to my best knowledg I have not erred, no not in one tittle, as to the substance of the relation. Unto him therefore be all obedience, thanksgiving, praise and glory for ever, Amen.

The general Rule that I follow in giving this Pil, whether it be in a Pil, or in an extract, is to begin with little enough at first, wherein is both pleasantness and safety; for some have foolishly flung off at once taking, because they (it may be) have slept an hour or two longer then they expected; and it may be sweat more then, and longer then they were willing; these it is evident complaint of ease, yet is it their own fault for taking it their own way, and not after my direction.

*It helpeth all Head-ach and Tooth-ach.*

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Experience which is the truest informer, speaks aloud in this matter also; for if a little Pil be applied unto the tooth, it (while one can tel fourty ) gives ease, and often times never troubles more for that time: I was once with two or three Friends in cold weather, drinking a pot of hot Pur at the corner of Broad-street, the Maid of the House almost mad with her teeth, and her Mistriſs said she was ready to knock her brains out for madness: I gave her about fourgrains in a little pil, and bid her lay it to the aking tooth, which she did, and presently went to draw us drink, who came presently up again laughing: My Friends thought I had conjured, they could hardly believe her that her teeth did ake; she affirmed they were wel, and all her pain gone. I gave her a pil to take when she went to bed, to make all sure, which it did perfectly, so that her teeth aked not while she layed in that house. Many such like I might relate, but because I suppose belief in this must be granted: it is so common that many do much help this way, as I never hear of in all parts of the City and Country; but my advice is, to take it in a good dose, & go to bed, and if the cold be great, to take three or four night after night, in this teach night, so it wil do ther many good offices, besides  
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the help of the Tootch-ach; for if the de-  
fluxion of Rhumes be high, and there ap-  
pear unto their present feeling nothing but  
paine of teeth; yet if they make not use  
of good means to stop and dry up that hu-  
mor, they may expect the Scurvey, Con-  
sumption or Dropfie to follow, whereby  
their lives wil spend out in misery, and haste  
them to death: And for the Head-ach it  
is as ready help, and all kind of pains in the  
head: I never knew any grief of the Head  
stand with it but ope, and the Gentleman  
said it was called a *Marigold*, but that it is  
not so wise, but this I know, that the party  
grieved said he always was troubled with a  
sealding 'twixt the skin and the skul of his  
head, and I think (but that I durst not so be  
so bold with him) if this Pil had been appli-  
ed to the skul of his head, it would have rea-  
ched it better. But for any other pain, or  
grief, although never so bad, or of long stan-  
ding, to dooth over-sule it.

*It dries up dropping Rhumes, Cataracts which  
destroy the Eyes.*

Blessed be God I speak with joy, of  
many which this Ointment helped both in  
City and Countrey, which have been left  
of great and able men, and some of them  
so weak, that they have not been able to  
come

come to me: At this instant one man in  
*Norfolk* land - *Alky* - a lost man in all ap-  
 pearance, both in his and his  
 Wives judgement, even at *But since dead*  
 once is a living Monument of  
 God's mercy, and the *Pils* power and effica-  
 cy. I do verily believe I might have Certi-  
 ficates of hundreds of this grief onely, if  
 I would desire them, under their own hands,  
 with their place of dwelling: I do know well  
 that the more good I am an instrument to do,  
 the more some wil envy: I may not look to  
 speed better then he that was without sin,  
 Presently helpeth any Cold, Cough, or Sore  
 Which is also true, that although a mans  
 Cough were never so violent, yet shall he  
 not cough that night he takes a *Pil* til to-  
 wards the morning a litle; then it may be  
 he may cough a litle to cast forth his  
 rhumes thicken'd; for lying 'twixt head  
 and lungs, defends the one, and sends up  
 sweet vapors into the other, that there is  
 no coughing: Many people of great age at  
 the gates of death to their thinking, God  
 blessing this *Pil* unto them, are revived, and  
 comfortably enjoy themselves, and are at  
 ease, enjoying their breath in good order,  
 which before was ever ready to strangle. I  
 do perswade my self, that the World never

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enjoyed more substantial help for all griefs of this kind; and let me tell thee plainly and freely, if the first Pil that thou shalt take, do not sufficiently speak for it self; I do assure thee that I desire to say nothing, neither wil persuade thee to take a second.

There was in *London* an aged and honorable Alderman; which for some years was much troubled with a Distillation or Defluxion of Rhumes from his head; this Gentleman spent and took much for the same of sundry of the greatest note, but to no purpose; as he informeth me himself, the first Pil of mine that ever he did take, although but a little one, did stop his Distillation; that he did not cough all that night, unto his great wonder; and I think him he did in my vindication send unto those whose things before proved uneffectual, and let them know what one smal Pil of mine had done, which did win me and my Pils great credit. There would be no end of writing of particulars; we hardly pass a day without experiences of this kind, thanks be to God; and for such kind of colds as carry the symptoms of Ague or Fever with them, if you take it betimes, and in reasonable quantity, as the Patient may bear; it is seldom but that one Pil brings you off Master; but if not (for it is

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according as the strength of the infection is ) yet continue, and with smal patience all wil be overcome : I speak by experience, for I have oft in cold and foul Weather, come home with the apparent signs of both Feaver and Ague; and then I hast to bed, taking one Pil just presently, for every minute would be to losse; and about four or six hours after, I took another, always having by me a Bottle of good Strong Water, that in case of faintings I may refresh my self with a Spoonful or two thereof, either by it self, or mixed with Ale or Beare; and keeping this order, that Feaver, nor one in ten, staves with me above twenty four hours, or to keep me in doors all the next day, if the weather be favorable; and for any Surfeit, either of Diet, Drink or Labour, or any other way, it is as ready help as possibly the nature of the Disease wil permit; but if the Surfeit be by meat or drink, it wil work variously, sometimes by vomit, and most frequently; and sometimes by purging onely, and sometimes by both; and if the Surfeit be long taken, it will work higher than by sweat and urine, and wil cause the Patient to break out more or less, according as the nature and degrees of the Patient is, whereby (through the blessing of God) it hath eminently saved the lives of many, as I



will give you here a few instances.

A lusty and strong young man, upon strong labour being both hot and dry, met with small Beer, and he drank freely, which did chill his fat and blood within him; he suddenly was sensible, and betook himself unto his bed, where he lay in a desperate condition, none expecting his life could be saved; his wife comes to me for him, making great complaint that they had spent all that they had, and words to that purpose; J gave her Pils, and heard no more of her; about three or four months after, by a meer accident J was with some, where also this man was in company: J knew not him, nor he knew not me, til by the discourse of the company he gained knowledge that it was J who gave Pils at the Tower; and he did there before them all make a relation of his long sad condition, and that his Wife found favor, said he, with this Gentleman, who gave me freely a small pot of stuff to make Pils on; and the first Pil, said he, that ever J did take, J did find my spirits revive within me, and J never had more: And Sir, J crave pardon for my unthankfulness unto you, and now give you a hundred thanks, for under God you saved my life, &c. This man is always ready to speak to the full height of vvhhat J have said,

said, and much more both of himself and friends.

Another man coming up from *Manchester* in cold weather, a man that used to be much in the fire, and also to keep company, by that time he got unto *London*, his spirits were spent, having got Surfeit upon Surfeit, and being both perverse, and also covetous, resolved to dye rather then fall into any Doctor, Apothecary, or Chyrurgeons hand; his Brother and Sisters perswasions were all in vain, he being resolved to lay his bones here, as he said: at last his brother thought of me, and said unto him, that he would bring a man to him, that was neither Doctor, nor Apothecary; then he began to harken a little, but what was I then? An Alchymist (which he understood as well as *Walthams Calf*) I was brought (for I could not say my friend, his brother, nay) and found him in a lumpish, heartless temper, and burning in a Fever; he regarded little what I said, neither would be perswaded to take any thing, till I having made three little Pills, and first I took one my self, then his brother took the second; and when he saw that, he for shame took the third; It did vex me, and yet it was some pleasure to see the hoggish temper of the man; I hastened and made two, and left them for to take at

other nights, if he liked the working of that in his belly; and all that I made was but little ones, partly because of the man's timorousnesse, and partly because of my self being from home: I willed him to hast to bed, and he kept warm: I came the next morning to see my Patient, he coughed, and told me he was much better, and gave me many thanks: His brother protested that they heard him break winde in the night (as he and his Wife lay in the Chamber over him) as if he would have blowed the bed from under him; and also when he came down to see him, that his Rogg with which he was covered, did stand all on a dew, his sweat coming thorow all the Bed-cloaths. He got up while I was there, and did eat a little of a Neck of Mutton (the first meat that he did eat in *London*;) and as I stood talking with him, I thrust the two Pills together, and made up the number out of my Box, which he did not perceive; but the first Pill had done the work; for they both did not neare work so high with him as the first did; and in three dayes time this man was as well as ever he was in his life, and as chearfully went about his businesse: Unto God whose commandment gives healing, be all praise and glory for ever. I confesse I did receive too much respect; being but

but a poor weak instrument of so great and  
 miraculous a work, considering the time of its  
 performing, and I was as thorowly rewarded;  
 for when he returned to *Manchester*, he sent  
 me the best *Cheshire Cheese* he could buy for  
 money, as he promised me for my cure. I have  
 given you the Particulars, with their circum-  
 stances, in this and diverse other instances for  
 good reason, which is, that the ignorant ther-  
 by, together with my punctual direction,  
 might be wel instructed, how in all cases they  
 order themselves in making use of this Pil; for  
 by experience I find, both say and write what  
 I wil for direction, many forget, and many  
 wil do what they list, but I hope all wil hold  
 me excused; having afforded rules in abun-  
 dance for direction, viz. Be sure at first to take  
 little enough, and by little and little come on  
 in quantity as you can bear it, and as your  
 condition requires it (a wise man will cut his  
 meat with his knife, but it may be that a mad  
 man wil cut his throat therewith, yet notwith-  
 standing the knife is good and necessary.)

One instance which comes now to my  
 mind, I wil tel you; A very good friend  
 of mine wel known amongst Trades men,  
 was seized by his Landlord at the time of  
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paying his Rent, with Venison and Rospall  
 wine, and being free and merry, did eat  
 and drink freely thereof, but did not at all  
 digest the same: Thus on Saturday morn-  
 ing he found himself indisposed, and not  
 well all the day, and grew worse and worse;  
 at night he took one of my Pills (always  
 having them in the house ready upon all  
 occasions) and goes to bed, in two hours  
 time he begun to vomit, which he did very  
 much with much illness, and as it may be  
 supposed, wanted the most Part of the be-  
 nefit thereof (in that case I would advise  
 to have taken another) notwithstanding he  
 vomited and drunk much all night with  
 great violence, and he burned inwardly,  
 and was most unsatisfiedly dry (his drink-  
 ing was out of measure) but still inwardly  
 burned worse and worse; and being spent,  
 grew very weak and feeble, insomuch that  
 his Wife and Friends did despaire of life,  
 and I being locked up in the Tower; could  
 not be spoke with til betwixt six and seven  
 in the morning. Being sent for, I hastid,  
 and took with me one Gil of my Antidote,  
 for Pills I knew they had in the house; and  
 when I came to him, he was so weak he  
 could not speak unto me; his face and nose,  
 his hands and feet were all as cold as earth,  
 I had little hopes of his life, for contrary  
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unto these his stomach did burn like fire, which indeed caused him to pour into his belly so much small-beer, & by this time had no strength to evacuate it again, that his Surfeit now was double, as wel from unreasonable drinking of small-beer, as of Ressa Wine and Venison; with his Wives good liking I gave him three Spoonfulls of my Antidote in four Spoonfulls of Treacle-water, (praying for a blessing, yet much feared his life) it gave him a little ease, as we conceived by his quiet lying: I hoped all vomiting had been staid, thinking that to have been the best for him: He lay still while one might tell (treacably) half a thousand, or thereabout; then he began to stretch out himself, and turned up the white of his eyes: We all that were spectators, were sorely distressed for him, expecting nothing but that his last breath was going from him; but contrary to our expectation he gathered up his feet, and twisted himself about, and started up (a great Bason much like a Barbers Bason, being ready, which he had used in the night) and there at once comes up such a full torrent as his mouth could admit, which quickly filled the great Bason, (such a vomit as I never beheld in all my life and am perswaded never shall again) and in the end of it comes his Ressa-wine; and his Venison unwrought on by nature:

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It is evident, that all the former vomiting did not reach the root of the matter: This vomit being over, and another Basin ready, he gave again another easie strain, & brought up again my Antidote just as he put it into his belly, both for quantity and colour, as near as we could guess; look you (said his Wife unto me) here is your stuff again: Well (said I) blessed be God for this stuff; he hath done wel for this time, the Lord make us thankful: I would not for more than I will speak of, your Husband had died, you would have thought ill of me and my Antidote. Through the goodness of God this man was about his business in two dayes time. This my friend, with all the rest present, are ready to witness what I have said, and more touching this matter. Unto God Eternal, Immortal Lord of Life and death, be praise, and honor, and glory, forever, Amen. For he taketh the strong and hardy, and casteth them unto the dust of death, according to his will; and again, he taketh that which is ready to dye, and restores to life at his good will and pleasure; and who is he of the hardiest of men, that can withstand God.

*It removeth pains of the breast, trembling of the Heart, and cleanseth the Blood,*

I have not known any pains stand before it, in feavers, or any other grief, wherein

is great crying out of pains and oppressions  
of the breast, but the first Pill gives relief.  
There is a very aged Woman by me on Tow-  
er-hill, hard by the Scaffold, who was almost  
off of her legs with extream trembling and  
aking of her heart, which was occasioned  
through a fright, and much grief, and she  
took this Pill for almost, or altogether these  
three years, and (thanks be to God) is now  
lusty, and far stronger and better than when  
she began to take it at first. That it is a for-  
cible cleanser of the blood, it is evidently by  
its universal sweating and purging by Urine.

*It helpeth sudden fits of Swooning, and Con-  
vulsions.*

A young man very much troubled with  
fits, and oft would fall down, and foam in his  
fits, (I do not know what to determine them  
to be) and with the use of this Pill, and my  
Oyle of Amber, found present relief, which  
he thankfully acknowledged beyond expecta-  
tion, and very many of each sex and age fre-  
quently have received the like benefit.

*It drank with White-wine, cleanseth the reins  
and Kidneyes of Gravel, openeth the Urinary passa-  
ges, drives out the Stone (if it be not coagulated),  
and oftentimes as urine sends forth like stags of  
cloth or paper of sundry colours.*

Of its power in cleansing the Reins, Kid-  
neyes and Bladder, many hath plentifully  
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found by good experience, to their exceeding joy and comfort,

A good friend of mine going to *Colchester*, finds a Kinswoman very sick, and near death, of the stone and gravel; he gave her two or three Pils, I am not certain; but he brought me home five or six stones of considerable bigness, full of sharp spikes, as pin points, and three-square which I have received; they also seemed as if they had been hung upon a string. Many more there were which we have not; but through the goodness of God this Woman, although near eighty, at once recovered hereon. Praised be God.

A man that came from *Ireland*, who had married an *Irish Whore*, who had a Husband of her own Country-men, did poison this English man three times; the last time wrought so strongly, that it took him off his business, his hair and nails came off: This man (very weak) came to *England* in hope of relief; this man had a perpetual thirst, and did drink without measure, but could not urinate it out, so that he was swelled, ready to burst, and all means which could be gotten could not help him, until God so ordered it that I heard of him, for a very good friend of his did desire my charitable assistance: I sent him six Pils, which wrought such happy effects, that after one of them given him, he  
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fel a making of water so out of measure, that he filled what was by him for that service, and then had no retention, but let all go in his bed. His friend had for him one quarter of an ounce more; *I* never saw the man, nor never heard more of him; but what *I* have said, is the true and faithful relation of his friend, as near as *I* am able to give it you.

A very old man in Ducksfield-lane, lay at the point of death with the Stone, and could make no water for many days and nights together; so that in the judgement of his neighbours, there was no hope of his Life: One of his neighbours which did know the worth of my Pills, came unto me, and desired me to administer unto him. *I* told her that she knew wel enough that *I* never did undertake any thing, and that she knew wel enough the force of my Pills; and if she would venture to give it him, *I* would give her some, but to give it him by advice, *I* would give none, blaming her for letting it be drove so far, and the old man near death. She replied, The case was desperate, and other means was uneffe-ctual, and she would give him a good Pill, although he did dye; for there was no way else but that for him: *I* gave her Pills with her, she gives him a good Pill, the old man by reason of pain, had not slept for many nights and dayes, he presently fell asleep, and slept  
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four or five hours, and when he awaked calls for a Pot, and did so urine, that they had hardly things to receive it; and of a sudden this man was up, and about his business. Blessed be God for all his unspeakable mercies.

A loving friend of mine who lives at present at *Chatham*, who knew wel the worth and safety of my Pil by much experience he had made, having a friend of his that was much troubled with the stone, and difficulty of making water; my Friend gives him a good Pil, and the next day as he stood straining against a brick wall to make water, at last there flew out a stone from him, and snapt against the brick wall where he stood, of an incredible bigness so he of a man's voiding, upon which this man was wonderfully released, to his great comfort; which stone my friend brings to us, and we have it at this present by us. Unto God Almighty be all thanksgiving for ever.

A man comes unto me in behalf of his wife (a young woman) that was desperately afflicted, but none could tel her what her grief was, notwithstanding the woman was weary of her life; her pains and gnawing at her breast was so exceeding much, and she most conceived she had the foul Disease; (it was indeed a foul Disease) and I did also mistrust it, and I think the woman did likewise; but  
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notwithstanding made many protestations for her self; I let them have Pills for their money, not doubting but they would make a discovery what the matter was; and so it was that my Pills did provoke strong vomiting, and at last come up (as her Husband telleth me) a thing that either was a worm, or like a worm, but it had a strange kind of ugly head, and was at least twelve or fourteen inches in it. I did not see it, nor could hear any more of it.

A woman at *Richmond* a long time grieved, but knew not what her grief was, but sore oppressed at her breast; a neighbour of hers gives her one of my Pills, which caused her to vomit in a strong and violent manner; she brought forth at her mouth clots of purified blood, and matter of divers colours, that hung together that it might be drawn out betwixt one's hands, and like jags of linen cloath or paper; through God's blessing it did preserve her, and she is in good health at this day, I praised be God for his rich mercy and goodness.

A very ancient Gentleman wel known in the City of London, being much afflicted with the Stone, and Gravel in the Kidneys, riding unto his Country-house, received a very gentle fall from his horse upon the sand; notwithstanding it did hurt him so much, in so much as  
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stuff of her own, she lived about 12. months after she did begin with them, but got no ground, but grew weaker and weaker, til at last she took the Pills alone; and when she was so weak that she could take no eate by thing, neither bread nor broth, nor any Cordial either of her own, or any other bodies, she would take a little of my pil, and that alone did keep her alive, & sustain her for ten days, to the great wonder and astonishment of all about her, & had the use of her senses so far, as to be much troubled at her kindred about the dividing of her Estate; for she had no child, and was rich. This is a true relation, which the Nurse that was always with her, doth give me.

A very old man near death, & bed-ridden for a good while, meets with my pil I know not how, & did revive exceedingly. His Son-in-law being accidentally in my company, told me how it did life up his Father from the grave beyond all expectation: I willed him to be careful of him, and told him, that if he did neglect him one night, it would endanger his life. About three Months after (as I do remember) I met him again, said he to me, But that I know you are an honest man, I should have thought you had been a Witch, for (said he) we forgot to send for Pills till it was too late, and the next day my Father dyed, then I remembered what you said.

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Another old man near fourscore, being lame in his limbs, & also grievously afflicted with a Rupture, was bed-rid, & could in no wise help himself, not so much as to button his Doublet, & to all demonstration was very near his end; this man with the use of my pills did begin to feel his arms & his limbs, so that he could do some necessary offices for himself; & continuing, began to stagger upon his legs, & to feel himself upon his crutches; and in short time this man first threw away one crutch, and then another, so that now at this time this old man wil go from *Ratcliff* to *Westminster*, and back again in a day, on his feet, about his business, with only a litle short stick in his hand, praised be God.

A very old man upward of fourscore, lay two years bed-rid, meeting with my pill, did so recover, that (as his servant tels me) the last Summer he did buy him a Horse to take his pleasure in the Countrey withal.

A Knight lay bed-rid and lame of all his Limbs in the *Kings Bench*, in such sort, as that he could not scarcely stir one finger, but his hands & fingers pulled on heape; this knight received 6. pills, which did so happy effect on him, as at once cured & set him at liberty: He sent for me; I made not so much haste to come to him as he desir'd, my friend from whom

whom he had the pills, goes to visit him, and he had took horse, and was gone about his business. Thanks be always given to God.

Also upon *Tower hill* doth live another old man aged fourscore and six years, who for some years lay bed-ridden, and past hope, as to this World; this man with the use of my pill doth now comfortably enjoy himself, & ruleth over all his pains and ails, & doth rise up, and walk up and down the house, and keep the fire-side warm, and prevents his kindred of their expectation, to his great ease and comfort. To God alone, who commands, and it is done, be all praise and thanksgiving for evermore, *Amen*.

In *Colemanstreet* also liveth a very aged woman, who for a long time went to *Fishstreet* to fetch sewing-work, and through much weakness made 5. or 6. restings by the way, with very great pain & grief, in a little time making use of my pills, doth now go it with ease, & without any stop or turn; for which the old woman doth return all hearty praise & thanks unto God. I solemnly protest, that I do in my conscience believe, that I do receive more strength and nourishment by a good pill, then from the best meals meat that ever I eat in all my life. And therefore the madness of those doth appear, which through their ignorance do charge my pill with destroying

stroying nature; but the best is, those that so do, are such as ne<sup>er</sup> took any of it, they may better be allowed to *spend their verdict*; both old & young that use it, find the contrary by good experience; for J do not commend a thing in the air, or beyond sea, but a thing that near, or altogether one quarter of a pound is taken every night; & certain things concerning it may be attained; And I do wonder at the shameless slanders & forgeries of some, that one would think should a little more respect their credit, but it is best for me to let them forge on til they are weary: J am perswaded their lying is the way to make me thrive.

Some time since J met a very good friend who was not wel, J gave him 6. large pills fit for his own taking; but they being all run into one by that time he came home, his Wife made the 6. up into 9. & that night she took 6. of the 9. regarding not rule or order that J had given; and indeed any of the 6. had bin a portion sufficient for her to take. This Woman about 12. a clock in the night began to vomit, and so continued til 10. the next day, and much foul matter it brought from her; and after she had gained rest, and received meat, she found her self wel, and much eased of her oppressions. A while after J met her husband, who thank<sup>t</sup> me for wor<sup>k</sup>



ing such a wonderful cure upon his Wife: I replied, I never gave her any thing, then he told me what his Wife had done, and said, That although he was afraid that she had killed her self, yet it proved very happily for (said he) your Pills have not only cured all the pains and illness of her body, but likewise they have cured all her ill conditions too. At which I (and some friends with me) fel a laughing: Why (said he) it is true, for before she took your pills, she was so apt to be angry and peevish, I could please her in nothing; but since she took those Pills, she is the lovingest woman that may be, and so pleasant, that I give you thanks for them for my wife, for I my self took some of them. Although this story is matter of laughter to those that heard it, and a proverb unto this day, and it may be as ridiculous to you that read it, yet if you please to consider, that it is pain that oftentimes makes peevish, the ease of a pain doth remove such peevishness.

A Woman comes to me sorely afflicted a long time in all her Limbs, and her torment was such as is not to be credited, the woman I perceived was exceeding sensible, and in most grievous extremity cryed out. I hastened and gave her of my pills. She comes the next day, and did so load me with thanks and praise, that my heart did ake within me, lest  
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God should be dishonored, this poor woman giving so much to me,

A Lady of an honorable family in this Nation, was sorely tormented all over her body, accompani'd with shaking of joints, was held 16. weeks under no small means, but to as small effect: She sends for me in great haste, she desired my help, I presented her with such things as I had, whereof my pil was chief: The first pil that she took, took off her great pains; and when I came there about two days after, her pains were not only gon, but her joints lay as quietly together as my own did; for when I first took her by the hand, her bones did start & tremble as if they would never come near each other again. I say no more; God wil requite every one according as his Work shal be.

*It also sends forth by vomit or otherwise, clots of blood, break inward imposthumes to astonishment, and effectually easeth pains got by Surfeits, Cold or Bruises; whereby many secret and hidden griefs are cured, which otherwise could not be discovered.*

A Plummers Wife in Bishops-gate-street, having (5. years before) received some wrong in her delivery of two Children; in which time of five years, she was sorely afflicted with sundry griefs and pains, and fits of falling and swounding; insomuch that

this woman was very weary of her life, and whatsoever means she used, it proved unef-  
fectual to her, but her pains & griefs did stil  
encrease upon her; and by accident J met  
with her husband at a friends house, who  
speaking of his Wifes misery, withal said, As  
poor as he was, he would give 10, pounds for  
his Wifes help. J replied and asked him if he  
would give ten groats: J gave him six pills  
vvith him, and before they vverespent, she  
sent me word she vvas in a nevv World, and  
that she, for ought she knevv, vvas as vvell as  
ever she vvas in her life-time: that the pills  
through Gods blessing had fully freed her  
from her grief, & that they did so handle  
her, that by *vomit* she did bring up such *clods*  
of blood & congealed matter, that she vvas  
fain with her thumb & fingers to pul it out  
of her mouth: And further, that they did  
send forth by Urine as strange matter to  
great ease and comfort, although to her  
great vvonder and astonishment. This Wo-  
man remains in health to this day, and will  
not fail to give testimony hereunto, thanks  
be given to God.

Another Woman being left for a dead  
Woman, took one of my pills, vvhich caused  
her to vomit up a *pint of matter*, as if it came  
out of a sore, which no doubt but it did: she  
sent for an able Chyrurgeon to see it, vvho  
said,

said it was better in her Bason than in her breast; she kept it two days for me to see it, but I saw it not. It pleaseth God thus wonderfully to bless its use; for many grieved some years together, and cannot tel what they aile, and all that they do advise with, are in several tales concerning what they aile, this pil when taken, assaults it, and by the Grace of God continuing with it, if curable, doth cure it.

A very old man upward of fourscore, being very weak with losing his *blood* at urine for above three years together, meets with my pils, presently found ease, and in a little time quite stopt his Urine of Blood; and brought away by urine abundance of *gravel* and skins like jags of paper for some time: This man hath used my pil for these three years unto his great comfort, & at this day is very hearty, chearful, and in health, & his urine clear as any other body's, blessed be God, who takes away youth, and reneweth old age at his good pleasure. And indeed it is wonderful to hear the *happy tydings* which people do bring us every day; & many who have affirmed to us that they have sold and pawned what they had, & spent it in seeking for *help*, but in vain, have here either for nothing, or for a small matter, found cure, and do fill our ears with the large acknowledgement.

ledgement of God's good hand in blessing this pill, & truly my spirit is much more refreshed to hear such returns, although it be not a penny advantage unto me more than the receiving of money, where I have truly deserved it. Unto God alone I desire with my whole heart may be ascribed all praise & thanksgiving for all his wonderful mercies which he is pleased to shew unto the poor and needy who put their trust in him.

*Furthermore, this Pill helpeth the French disease (commonly called the Pox, or French Pox) if it be effectually used.*

Before I come to shew its effectual use, as to this Disease, I must crave leave to speak a little (but tenderly) to two or three sorts of people; for ordinarily this disease comes not without abundance of wickedness, & I tremble to think of it, much less to set down its cure, without protesting (on God's behalf) against those accursed ways that bring men into it, & indeed, were it not for the sakes of many good men & women whom I do judge in my conscience to be chaste, & are infected through the wickedness & unfaithfulness of their yoke-fellows, I durst have said nothing of it at all, & although these are but few in number comparatively, yet far be it from any honest mind to deny them help. *Salomon in his Proverbs saith, Spill waters are free, & bread*



bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But they consider not that death is there, & that those steps lead down to Hel; & such is the abhorring of my soul against this wickedness, whereby this disease is for the most part gotten and come by, that it is a sore fear lest I should be a means to help any *miscreant* to *sudden cure* that is resolv'd to persevere in this *abomination*, and double his sins against the God of Mercies: And forasmuch as the righteous Judgements of God overtake the Wicked, plaguing them even in the force of their Lusts, shal I be an instrument of their relief yet to sin? God forbid it; but for those that truly repent, and shew it by a chaste conversation, I should think it a happiness to be a healer, an easer of the pains of all such, yea, I profess my self the servant of all such, but as I said, *God's just severity* is most conspicuous upon those who sport, and as they imagine, pleasure themselves, striving to satisfie and fulfil (but in vain) their bestiality, and were they not left & given up of God unto a *sordid slavery*, unto the fulfilling the desires and lusts of their concupiscence, bond slaves to Hel & the Devil, they would easily discern they labor altogether in vain; for can the ocean, the gulf or grave say, It is enough? On what man laboring to fulfil his desire, is not ten times further off by being vassalag'd

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more thereunto? Can desire be ever satisfi-  
 ed or filled? And so always is the Quiver of  
 an Whore, always open, & cannot be filled,  
 but like the grave, ever craves, Give, give, &  
 he that is appointed to perdition, is taken  
 by her; the wise King tels us, That *a whore is*  
*a deep pit, and the abhor'd of God to fall therein.*  
*A dreadful precipice!* God grant ears to hear  
 it while the day of hope lasteth; and it is my  
 hope to admonish by this unto the preser-  
 vation of many, & how light soever this un-  
 clean wickedness is accounted, yet let all the  
 guilty know, their names are accounted a-  
 mongst those that shal not inherit Eternal  
 life, but for ever receiving their portion in  
 the blackness of darkness, from the *presence*  
 of the Lord for ever, O thou Adulterer and  
 Adulteress, would God thou couldst hear:  
 but thou; O thou who already hast received  
 the *beginning of torment*, how *wisefable* of man-  
 kind art thou above all others! And to thy  
 further judgement know, that when thy now  
 rotting body is destroyed, thou again shalt  
 receive a *spirituall* body, capable of bearing  
 and receiving a flood of wrath, and as then  
 thou hast received a body *spirituall* that shal  
 remain unto eternity, so wil the vengeance  
 of God be poured out against all *ungodliness*.  
 Now thou hast but a taste, and yet O how  
 thou roarest out as thy limbe rot, but what is  
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that to that ocean, or expansion of wrath prepared. Let this awaken thee, if thou be not past feeling, to break off (I say) thy sins by true and timely repentance: God Almighty open thy eyes to see thy redoubled misery, that so thou maist enquire after mercy, then the blood of Christ wil be precious unto thee; but wo is upon us, who are born in a giddy, drunken Age; drunk, but not with Wine. And here also I cannot get forward, but must crave leave to trace this a little, and you wil be sensible that it lies concentrick with the former; and now I come to speak unto a second sort of people, amongst whom I believe there are many that have received in their souls the power of endless life: I speak of those that have shewed great zeal and forwardness in building Tabernacles for God to dwell in, who have possted into Churches, and rushed upon all Ordinances, which things are good if performed with clean hands, and pure hearts; but wo is me when I consider the works of the unwary, the headiness and presumptions of many; and in my time and observation within these twenty five years past, having been an eye-witness of the beginning, rise and fall of many, I cannot but speak a word (although gently) unto these, and am forced to speak it aloud, because

cause I by woful experience have found them dull of hearing; for many amongst them puffed up, have miserably fallen into this pit, many of whom I fear have not yet repented, or if they have, yet bear with me, it is not yet to me evident; sure I am, this pit is not for Saints to fall into, nor many returns; although your way of returning is broad and easie, yet I much fear not so with God; it were wel if Justice in this case went hand in hand with Mercy, that those that sin, might be admonished, and fear, which is one principal end of re-jection; but these alas, with ease find entrance, but not so with others in other cases less material: it were wel if you were clean every whit, notwithstanding the feet must be washed, the iniquity of the heel strove against; many lift their head on high, and I pray God keep them from falling. It is a dangerous thing for men to make idols of Ordinances, to put more in the dipping of water, then in the regenerating of the spirit; there is a golden mean, he is happy that finds it, and walks therein; there is a promised spirit to direct when we turn to the right hand, and when we turn unto the left; too too many neglect or despise visible Ordinances, and too many plant Religion in them, and in divers forms will prepare

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Tabernacles for the God of *Israel*; but unto us there is but one God, and one Rule of Righteousness: Men wil at all rates have a covering; but the wo belongs to them that cover not by, and with his Spirit. Let me in much soberness enquire of you, ( and it would be a joyful time if indeed you would consider ) Whether your rash and hasty zeal, running upon Ordinances not spirited from on high, hath not been an occasion of stumbling, and of falling unto many; for having no sealing presence, but rather a barrenness which from thence as in your hands, may be called presumptuous; I say, this discovers, that men seeing no beauty to enliven them, faint; How many have you with sighs complaining, that they are filled with deadness in your assembling; but at home when they exercise their meditations on the riches of free mercy in Christ, then filled with consolation.

You may note, that at this time, and in this place, I would say no more then to awaken you to consider how you have been an occasion of stumbling to many from the aforesaid grounds: I freely spare you, coveting rather to cover, then to discover; neither would I charge all for the faults of some, but this I must say, it is like to go ill when



when the ruling spirit is the spirit of this World; when the whole head is sick, and the heart heavy: What should I say to make you hear, and yet cover you all over with love: The Most High cover you when he maketh inquisition for blood; when his dead body shall live, when his righteousness shall arise, when he hath purged *Jerusalem* with the Spirit of Judgement, and with the Spirit of Burning, then wil he be a defence upon all your glory, and not till then; but evident it is, your glory he stains, neither is he any defence upon it; an account must be given, *Who requir'd these things at your hands?* When many shall say, *We have done these and these things in thy Name;* it wil be said, *I know you not;* it wil be then, *Wo unto the sinners in Sion, fear shall surprize the hypocrite.* That generation of men at this time wil be, to seek, which say, *Stand further off, I am more holy than thou:* Those I speak of, which are pure in their own eyes, and are not washed from their filthiness; those who separate themselves from those from whom Jesus Christ doth not separate himself: those who make dipping the ground of their communion, rather than union with Christ: it is a wonder to look back and consider the fiery zeal of many, and whereunto it hath tended: God grant the rest may

may be admonished to pray and wait until the Temple be opened in Heaven; and a lively Vision of the Ark of his Covenant: the presumptions of men now in this dark and smoaky day, is to be wondered at; but it is evident, no man can enter til the appointed time; and indeed it is evident, that excepting these Ordinances which are granted in common, which indeed are spirited; the other (whereby they vvil be known and distinguished) are without life, and is in their hands a carcase. All I have to say further, is, I beseech you in the bowels of Christ Jesus, consider how far you have been an occasion of stumbling, or Womb unto the gender of this third generation of men, whereof I come now to speak; for when men (as I may say) have found little but politick workings as men, and have not either discerned that beauty as doth of good right belong unto Gospel Ordinances: Or vwhen men dishonouring God, use Gods Ordinances for Earthly ends, it is just with God to give them up unto a Spirit of slumber; to believe a lye, because they did not receive the truth in the love of it: Nay, too many designe dy to get into Churches on purpose to treat their galled Consciences (little thinking what is required of them there) and shroud

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under a cloak of Religion, gain being to  
them godliness. Mark by how much these  
approach, or do essay to come up unto the  
primitive pattern, assure thy self, so much  
the more wil the severity of the Highest be  
revealed against thee, whose fiery eyes of beau-  
ty & glory wil not bear thy hyppocrisie: Re-  
member *Ananias & Sapphira*, therefore I have  
observed wel what hath brought people to  
desire to get into this or that fellowship, whe-  
ther to serve as *Christ* did, or to be served, to  
perform their own duty in *humility*, or only  
clamor upon their priviledge; for you shall  
perceive quickly who sent them thither. O  
how forward these wil be! apt of tongue,  
confident in opinion & feare, censorious;  
and this lasteth a very little while, and by  
and by he is beyond them, and now he is  
beyond the Scripture it self, and wil have it  
no judge of his spirit; but wil judge it by  
his spirit: Have I not seen these fall off by  
companies? What then? think not thou  
that I speak against the Commandments  
and Ordinances of the New-Testament (I  
had rather my tongue should be for ever  
cut out of my mouth) or against the Chri-  
stian and conscionable administering the  
same; but this is to shew how they have  
been, & may be abused, in doing of which  
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the World, which otherwise could not be;  
and I am constrained to unveil (as wisely  
as God enables me) this mystrie of iniqui-  
ty, that you whom it concerns, may be-  
ware; and if the glory of God, nor eternal  
salvation will not prevail, yet that long life  
and health of body may prevail with thee;  
thou must know, that the higher thou arri-  
vest in the profession of Christ, the fiercer  
wil thy fall be when not supported: *If that  
light which is in thee, prove darkness, how great  
is that darkness!* And if thou be a builder,  
look to thy self, that thy foundation be the  
true Rock, otherwise great wil thy fall be;  
and know, the returning evil spirit doth  
bring with him seven worse then himself;  
and worse wil be thy latter end: My heart  
bleeds within me, when I call to mind how  
many great Lights or Stars have been  
thrown from heaven, fahn from the Pinnacle  
of the Temple, down to hel; from most fie-  
ry rigidity, unto all abominations: Think  
not that I am unfurnished of a Cata-  
logue; miserable it is the rest are so blinded  
as not to lay it to heart, so to heart, as again  
to take up their way, and whole walk, and  
that with trembling, and set straight steps  
unto their feet, lest that that is halting be  
turned out of the way also: I wil at this  
time abreviate this discourse for the traths

sake, which you have yet a pretence unto; I know there are a few Names amongst you which have not defiled their garments; for their sakes I should count it a happiness to serve you. I will conclude with a relation of one of you, which I know is remembred of many of you, a fierce zealot, which was very conformable, as indeed did exceed; and I must needs say, (from one word I once heard him speak) I had good hope that the truth had had some rooting in him, viz. *That he was so sensible of the deceitfulness of his own heart, that he durst not look upon a woman.* This man takes in that general tenet of all destruction, viz. *That the Scripture was a dead Letter:* This man, with the rest of his Accomplices, was soon inspired from the King of Pride, that they had in themselves the Spirit, whereby they know and judge all things, and also the Scriptures themselves, so that now their Spirit shal not be judged by the Text, but shall judge the Text. This infallible man was restless, and quickly threw off all duties both publike and private, for a season; they must not speak til their Spirit moved them, but their Spirit soon moved them to make use of, and abound in their pure, or rather impure liberty, that is, to glut and satisfie themselves in uncleanness. This Wretch being

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strong, held out some time; but abusing himself in all blasphemies, riot and excess, in due time the Rot, or the Pox overtook them; but I speak of this one man, his torments grew strong upon him, and to me (of all men) he would not come or send; what he used as means, was too weak. And thus for a long time he lived blaspheming God, and roaring out of his torment; at last he and his Wife using the mediation of another, sent to me, I could not deny her things for her money: he was then past coming himself, she said his heart was as whole and as sound as ever, and that he would eat as good a meals meat as ever, and digest it as well; but except he had one of my pills in his belly, he did lie rocking his Limbs, and roaring out of his intolerable pain; and the next Week as she came to me, this Strumpet with impudence said she should dye of no disease but the Pox, and her friend that came with her, told me, that as this man was sitting by himself, his Nose fell off from his face with meer rottenesse.

I conclude with most serious admiration of God's righteous judgements upon these, who in the prime of their days are taken away, and are gone unto their own place for ever, to receive the fruit of their doing.

And that which doth much heighten my astonishment, is, That the Highest doth so wonderfully punish this Wickedness in this life, that they live some years in bitter torment, and yet hearty and stout while they rot away by pieces, their vitals and senses quick, as I may say, as prepared of God to suffer abundance of pains while in this World. And before I come to give you the way of cure of this ugly Disease, I must crave leave to speak to this third sort of people, commonly called *Ranters*, for so they are; and these are of two sorts, the one like unto this that I have named, and the other (which is the worse and more dangerous) hold yet in appearance somewhat of preaching and prayer, & would be thought to excel all others in spirituals: I say, these are the worse, for by how much the more any thing that indeed is evil, and doth hide it self under the cloak or mantle of Religion, it is so much the more dangerous and pernicious, most apt to leaven and delude the simple minds, till they also by a smooth Satanical subtilty, are drawn in, and become hardened, and then the high Rant, or black Devil doth not at all affright them, being before-hand prepared and spirited thereunto, for the high Rant counts all illegitimate that cannot range in the depth  
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of all abomination, as swear, drunk, whore  
 out of measure, yea study to excel in exe-  
 crations and blasphemy; and do all this  
 without the least remorse, or sign of remorse.  
 But this other sort for their credit sake,  
 and also because of encrease of their ad-  
 vantage in their Callings, and also prefer-  
 ments in the Common-Wealth, will not a-  
 vow this plainness, yet do account it their  
 pure liberty, and that is their pure liberty  
 for all of them to live, holding community  
 of Women, and all to abide in their pure  
*Adamical* freedoms, pleasing themselves in  
 all things; and some of these to my own  
 knowledge, who both speak, and hold, and  
 practice these evils, (except they belye  
 themselves) are of their forwardest, and I  
 think their eminentest Preachers, which  
 would seem to those that hear him, as if he  
 were caught up into the holy Mount, ac-  
 counting themselves above all ordinances:  
 These surely are the worst sort of men that  
 ever breathed upon the face of the earth;  
 for these have not only been hoisted up on  
 the highest pinnacle of the Temple, but are  
 miserably thrown down into Hell; in their  
 own imagination they are far higher then  
 the highest pinnacle, conceiving themselves  
 far above all instituted Ordinances; and  
 do bitterly hate, despise and persecute

with a manifest wrath all those that do in the fear of God practice, walk, and live in them, which is indeed a manifest token of their perdition; for many of them have in their own giddy-headed & unstable minds run through all Religions, that they might both hate and persecute all; the God of mercy put into the hearts of our Rulers to preserve us from the rage and fury of these whom the Apostles of Christ *Peter* and *Jude*, doth most lively set out in their proper colours; and yet these would not be accounted to be *Ranters*, although as is said, seven-fold worse: I wil here give a true relation of some passages concerning one of their chief Teachers.

A good Woman whose husband is a *Barbados*, having occasion of business concerning Trade in behalf of her Husband, was desired to accept of half a pint of Wine; this good Woman looking upon him to be eminent in godlinesse, and herself at that time stood in need of refreshing, went to the Tavern with him, by and by he changed his behaviour, & shewed himself what he was, & by his light scurrilous language declared himself to be what he is, and in plain words and deeds would needs have been abusing her body; and many arguments he used to draw her thereunto, as I have

have them from her mouth, That she was sick  
for want of a man, and why should she not use her  
liberty? and for his part he knew if his wife look-  
ed on, she would not be offended with it; way fur-  
ther, that it was his satisfaction that he had done  
it, his wife looking on, and that if he had not used  
his liberty, his purer liberty (as he called it)  
he had been dead long ago, and named other  
persons, some of great quality, that Hus-  
band and Wife gave each other liberty, and  
with his might inveighed against Ordinances,  
and refusing him in his filthinesse, he  
called her Whore, and much to that pur-  
pose, for submitting her self to forms as he  
called them. The relation of his beastliness  
expressed by him, I was ashamed to hear,  
and cannot write, but he highly commend-  
ed the beastly opennesse and nakednesse of  
the Moors and Heathen in the Indies, that  
they were without shame, he esteemed it a  
high virtue which did excel us here. This  
filthy man, or man of filthinesse, without  
shame, after God had delivered this Wo-  
man out of his hand for that time, yet was  
seen on again and again by him, and when  
he saw that he could not draw her unto his  
filthy lust, then enquired if she had told a-  
ny body, but if she had, yet it was no  
matter of shame unto him; and indeed I  
think I should have done good service to  
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the Nation, if I had here named him: its pity all such have not a brand on their fore-head, that they may be known who they belong unto: I speak with grief of heart, I have known this Varlet, this worst of men, I say, I have known him a giddy professor of Religion above these twenty years; & I have heard him my self when we have been speaking of the Scriptures, for he askt me seriously if I did use to read them: I told him, yea, with joy and gladness, and they were to me more then my life; he replied, so could not he, neither did he read any book, he hearkened only to the voice of the Spirit within him; and that while he made conscience of reading and expounding of Scripture, and of Family duty, and going to hear Sermons, and repeat them, he all that time was without peace; but now he had not for some years done any of those things, and that he was at rest in himself.

I have not in all this spoke the least of this vile person, and you may by him truly take a view of the rest of that fraternity, what they are, and where they wil center: I hope this relation wil be master of caution to many, not always to credit, or be too apt to give heed unto the smooth delusive tongues of men; these study to obtain hard-

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ness of heart, impudency of face, that they might commit wickedness with greediness; and therefore do deride at the torments of Hel: Nay, one of this company hath put out a book in print, wherein he doth avow there is no hel but what is in a mans self; so that by their Doctrines, if they can but stiffe their own consciences, they have freedom, and sin is no sin; for so they affirm: My soul is pained within me when I think of these, and of the just vengeance prepared of God for these who do withhold the truth by their unrighteousness: O wretched and most miserable of mankind! how is it that Satan hath thus filled your hearts, and the filth of your flesh thus deluded you? You begun wel, who hath hurt you? What hath Christ Jesus & his Gospel of peace done unto you? How is it that you wil be made perfect in the flesh? What good things have you found in your selves, that comparing your selves with your selves, you now worship your selves; nay, your accursed lusts and brastlineffe? How is it imaginable, that man (indu'd with common Reason) should thus be seduced? know there is not one of you but do feel the flashings of fire in your consciences: What wil you do when you shall appear with your works following after you, when  
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God that cannot lye, will set your sins be-  
 fore your face: J know you labour to stifle  
 such thoughts as these. O beasts of men!  
 O most devillish whilst men! How is your  
 vengeance heightning! Have you profes-  
 sed the fear of God, ( many of you ) to end  
 in this cursed Apostacy, for whom the  
 blackness of darkness is reserved for ever?  
 O that there were thoughts of returning  
 in you! Hel beneath hath enlarged her  
 self to receive and meet you at your com-  
 ing. O miscreant of man! how long dost  
 thou think to wallow in thy lusts, serving  
 evil concupiscence, drinking iniquity like  
 water, made fat for slaughter? J ask, Whe-  
 ther these be not they for whom Supplic-  
 tion is not to be made? Alas! alas! my  
 heart bleedeth within me, when J consider  
 that some of you have not only professed  
 the Name of Christ long, but also suffered  
 both imprisonment, and fled into far  
 Countreys out of a zeal for his Name, and  
 now have spew'd up all at once, and retur-  
 ned unto your old Lusts ( from which you  
 were purged ) as a dog unto his vomit, or a  
 Sow that was washed, unto her wallowing  
 in the mire, receiving the just recompence  
 of your error, viz. Seven Hellish spirits far  
 more worse then the first, that you might  
 fall into the damnation of Hel, and be  
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damned together, even the condemnation  
of the Devil: Be not deceived, God is not  
mocked, as a man soweth, so shall he reap; &  
of these I speak aloud, expecting nothing  
but plague and pox to follow them, the re-  
ward of their labour: I know it boiles a-  
mongst them already.

I know some wil wonder why I have spo-  
ken so much of these, and of this Disease;  
and why I have spoken unto good people  
with these: Therefore this thou must know,  
First, I speak unto all men, and all sorts and  
ranks of men, to admonish them all. Se-  
condly, A clean heart is not hurt, nor wil  
be offended at any thing I have said. And  
thirdly, I could not break this order with  
the discharge of my Conscience. And  
fourthly, Without this that I have said both  
in whole and in part, I durst not give thee  
the true & cleare way of cure of this detesta-  
ble disease, & also the difference 'twixt this  
disease and most other, because that this is  
not had usually without abundance of  
wickednesse and sin, first, against God.  
Secondly, against thy *own body*, which ought  
to be the Temple of God, preserved in ho-  
liness unto him, and not given unto an  
Harlot. Thirdly, against thy relations, who  
hath power over thy body; but other di-  
seases which are common to man, proceed  
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from fundry other causes which are not in themselves sinful, & for these causes I have thus spoken, and hope thereby to be an instrument in the hand of God to pul some poor soul or other out of the fire; and indeed (as I said at first) had it not been for the sakes of some who are clean, but bestow'd with some such beast or bruit of mankind which hath poluted them, I should have said nothing at all of this disease, but I do judge it much better that many of the worst partake of the blessing with the best, then that one of the best should languish in the torture of the worst; and therefore I do set down the most safest way, speediest, cheapest and freest of pain and torture, I verily believe that is in the World.

*Rec.* Take two ounces of my Pil, and lay it thin upon a wel-glazed dish, set it to dry but not in the Sun, and it wil quickly be fit to bring to powder; drive it thorow a Lawn or Hair-Sieve, put this powder into one quart of White-Wine, or that which is better, viz. make a Lixivium, or strong Eye of *Chalkes vive*, or White-Lime, for this is most stately, and operates very potently both by sweat and urine, as is much proved every day, and is (although despised) a great blessing; and moreover I assure thee from knowledge, is chief with some as universal,

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who have a vulgar name in Physick: Use  
which thou wilt, I do by experience com-  
mend this last to excel: Let this be done in  
a glass bottle, shake it oft, and in twenty  
four hours it will be fit to use, but longer is  
better: Dispose thy self apart, if thou  
wouldst suddenly be wel, and thy illness  
require thee, and have warm accommoda-  
tion, and a good tender and careful nurse;  
eat and drink the best that can be got for  
money, and always have ready good Wine  
and strong water by thee, because of a sud-  
den a windy fainting wil come upon thee,  
and a sudden gone, at such a time a spoon-  
ful of good Cordial-Water is necessary for  
thee; see that thou sweat by day, and not  
in the night, when thou maist have good  
tendance; sweat not with this extract, but  
every other day, and then do it to purpose,  
as thou findest thy strength; if thou beest  
of a middle strength, the first time begin  
with six spoonful in six spoonful of White-  
wine, and then observe by that how thou  
dost bear it, and encrease accordingly: so  
also in all cases begin with little enough,  
and come on with discretion; but know in  
this disease thou must charge home, to the  
end it may accomplish thy desire; and at  
once as it were, it whirles all thy disease into  
thy skin, superficies, or most extream parts,  
and

and in the other night the day that thou  
dost not sweat thy greatest sweat, take  
night a good pil of 16. or 20. grains, if thou  
findest thou art able to bear it, and that  
wil maintain & keep what the other hath  
gotten; for thou must know, that thou dost  
take the strength of 8. or 10. pills when thou  
dost take the extract thereof; for thou art  
not able to bear his earthly body, it would  
suffocate thee; but being only his more  
subtile and spirituous part, it works safe  
and miraculous; not only in this Disease,  
but in many, or all other Diseases; and  
when thou hast it all in thy skin, fear not,  
but go on the same way, and if any part  
break and run, tear it not, it wil not fail  
thee, if thou do not neglect thy self, but it  
wil both throw all out, and heal it when it  
is out, as thou maist perceive by the instan-  
ces set down in this Book; only use thy self  
to great carefulness in the time of thy cure,  
and alwayes sweat and be hot til thou art  
wel; for there is no danger but in taking  
cold, which thou maist easily prevent if  
thou be careful of thy self, and follow  
while thou art in the way, and all wil be  
done at an easie rate; for I have deserved  
twenty pounds, when I have not had twen-  
ty shillings; I never undertook any Cure  
in my life, nor never meant to do; yet have  
helped many at small rates, at ten shillings,

at five shillings; the most that ever I had of any, was three pounds five shillings for my things onely, and I think a notabler cure is seldom done, as some of good quality can bear testimony.

A young woman comes to me pained in her throat, head and bowels, of this disease, as all supposed, and she her self did much fear, because her Husband's first Wife was noted for a light Huswife; this good Woman almost killed her self with grief, and for two years ran up and down amongst Doctors and Chyrurgions, but in vain; and the Chirurgion made holes in her throat by lanching it, & such like foolish things: At last she comes to me, and I gave her of these Pills, & by that time she had spent one shilling, she told me she was as well as ever she was in her life; and I am confident in three years time I did not take five shillings of her money, but she continues in perfect health, I could not have believed it, till time had made it evident.

*(cures some kind of Gouts, easeth the most malign, brings the Patient into quiet rest.*

A Woman lame eight years of a Gout, which did disable her in all her Limbs, that she could neither rise hand nor foot; when she sent to me, her Joynts were very much knotted: The first Pill she took, being in a kindly sweat, both she and her Husband told me this

story: She began to stir her fingers, which was very strange to her; and a while after she could get her hands unto her mouth. To be short, in three days time she could go about her Chamber which she could not do in two years before that time.

A Gentlewoman removing her dwelling into *Linne-street*, got an extreame cold and Surfeit, as she doth report, I do suspect it to be otherwise; However, so it was, that she could neither stir hand nor foot, but was perfectly useless to her self, onely as by main strength of two or three which were always ready, did lift her: And this uselessness of Limbs, accompanied with extreame pains. This Woman in a matter of three Weeks time, using onely my Pil, although it was cold Weather, was perfectly wel unto all demonstrations, and I by accident saw her go along the street, & truly (although an ancient Woman, yet) she did hold up her head, and went as straight and as nimbly (a good lusty pace) as any young Woman vvhatsoever: And although she sent me vvord she vv as vv el, yet it vv as far from me to think she had been so vv el, and that in frosty Weather. It is to be noted, vvhen I sometimes say they have nothing but my Pil, I do include the extract of my Pil, and also the Oyl of Amber, with vv hich oft times I do anoint, and al is but my Pil.

A Woman in *St. John's-street* was sorely afflicted with the Gout and Sciatica, that in her extremity she did roar out in such a hideous manner, as did much disquiet the neighbours, and no ease or cure could be attained. Her Husband came to me with such pitifull moan for his Wife, as did much exceed. I was much troubled for him, and gave him of my Pills, and sent him away, and told him that by that time the Pills were warm in her breast, that she should have ease, & her pains would cease, and that she would go to rest: He did as I ordered him, and when he came again, he said, That by that time his Wife had taken a Pill, in one quarter of an hour she did find such ease, as if she had been in Heaven. And truly this man (in the name of his Wife) did foreshadow me with thanks, as if I had done it. I bless and praise the God of Heaven, who hath saved my life, and brought me through great pains and sickness for this happy end, even to be a poor instrument in his hand for ease and refreshing of many. And further, (as I take it) about three Weeks or a Month (I am not certain which) this Woman came from *S. John-street* unto the *Tower* to me, to fetch for her self more Pills.

A little Boy having four of his Fingers cut off by that Disease called the *Kings-Evil*, and the place where his fingers were cut off, did always



ways stand with a drop of water upon them; but next day after the taking the first Pil, there was no drop of water as formerly; at which the Parents did much wonder. And the Boy grew excreasm quick and lively in whatever he did, that they were very sensible of his real benefit.

Another boy lame of his Limbs and Feet from a Childe, so that he could not go to School, nor hold a Pen in his hand; and by that time he had taken three of my Pils, he was grown so strong, that he ran up a pair of Stairs before me, and I made him hold a Tobacco-pipe in form of a Pen, and he then held it as steddily as I or any in the room could do, which indeed was far more then was to have been expected in so short a time.

And many that have been troubled with one Arm shorter than another, and with great pains in particular Joynts, this Pil through Gods goodnes hath proved ready help unto them.

An old man belonging unto the Charter-house many years, troubled with Prifick, straitness of breath, that with great difficulty he went about, also one Arm began to shrink and grew stiff, so that he could not make use of his pocket, as formerly he had done, with a little use of my Pil did receive his breath at length, and his Arm at length also: And as he

he and I were going together along the Walk before the Charter-house, said he to me, Look you how I go, and what a pace I go; I could not have done so before I took your Pills, but I must have stood and gaped like a Camelion, for breath, I do not know how oft, in going the length of this Walk.

A vertuous Gentlewoman of good note, & my very good friend whom it hath pleased God to visit with much sickness for a great many yeares, and now lately it fell out to be very sore in her head: this Gentlewoman having made use of the ablest Doctors, but her grief could not be helpt; insomuch that this good woman was almost in dispaire, did much fear her senses, and all that could be done, could not bring her head to purge until she met with my Pills, which did most powerfully accomplish her desire, and did set her head a Purging at her ear, and shortly very sweetly cured it, to her exceeding great joy and comfort; with the joy of her family.

A Gentlewoman that liveth at Westminster, that wel knew the use and worth of my Pills, went with some other Gentlewoman to Barnet, where she drank water in abundance, but without judgement; she presently fell into an extream scouring, she sends with what hast could be to me for half an ounce of my Pills, the use and virtue of which she very well

knew, but before they could come at her, she was far spent, and had entertained a Doctor, whose advice she was forced to follow, such was her weaknes of a sudden; but so it was, that this lusty young Gentlewoman in a matter of six or seven days, was brought home in a Horse-Litter, hard put to it for life: This Gentlewoman lay under the Doctors hands for two Months, and was brought into such extream weaknes as is not fit for me to relate, nothing but death expected: All this while my Pils was too low to them, and the Gentlewoman had abundance of other things forced on her, but in vain: At last she beseeched her Husband if he loved her, to send for me, otherwise she was a dead Woman, pleading her conformity to him in using all the while what means he and their Friends thought good: This Gentleman being touched with pity to her, at her request sends a Letter to the Tower, but I was in the Country, and he straight sends a Letter unto *Wansar*, where I was; and I not hearing any thing from the time her Messenger came unto me from *Barnet*, much wondered that she should suffer so long sickness, and I not hear thereof: At my coming she was glad, and I was much surprized to see so stout and lusty a woman so strangely reduced to nothing; in so much, as had it not been that I was sent for in

in her Name, J could not have known her: J took with me my Pils and Antidote, J gave her two Spoonfuls of my Antidote, which did answer my expectation; for it put her into a breathing sweat, and also she slept a matter of four hours: J stirred not my foot til (through the blessing of God) J had very good signs of her recovery. But when J saw the surly behaviour of all (as wel the servants as kindred) through the whole Family, J did not wonder J was not called sooner. The Gentleman himself J never saw all the time of the cure, the Gentlewoman could trust no creature with my things, I was fain to give with my own hands as much as possibly my business would permit, til the Gentlewoman got strength, and kept the Pils alwayes about her, and had regard to her self: it was an unusual time before this Gentlewoman could get abroad, the reason all may discern, was the with-holding from her that which did her good, and instead of it, give her that which did no good; and she being of a good nature, in this case proved to her great hurt. But blessed be God, she soon did attain health, and so remains, using my Pils now and then to keep her in health, as she hath occasion.

For Small-Pox, which generally doth light on children and young people, this I say upon good experience, that my Pil is alwayes good

and profitable whensoever it is taken, at any time of the *Disease*; either in the beginning of them, or the middle of them, or the latter end of them; it can never be taken amiss, except you give such a dosse as is not proper for them that take it; for it alwayes strengthens the vitall spirits, cleanseth the blood, and fortifies the heart; and if the Small-Pox be struck in again, this Pil doth forthwith throw them out again with great safety, as we have much experience hereof; but if it be taken before they appear, that nature be able, it will relieve them by working the Surfeit out by vomit or by siege, or sweat, or urine, all the wayes that nature hath to friend; but if the Surfeit hath got strength enough that they cannot be prevented, then doth it throw them out in a most gallant easie manner, so that the Patient being freed of all Feverish symptoms, and alwayes lying in a breathing sweat, is so sweetly disposed, as he doth hardly fail of a meals meat all the time he hath them upon him, but suddenly will recover with great strength and freedom.

A lusty young man having got many Surfeits one upon another, felt himself not well for two or three dayes together; but not knowing what sicknesse was, would not yeild unto it while he was able to hold up his head; and being in my company, much complained  
who



how ill he was, and that he doubted he should be able to hold up his head no longer: I gave him presently a little Pil about four grains, which now he is well, one six fold so big would hardly stir him; but as soon as it was wel down his throat, he fel into avomiting with extreame violence; I could tell him his breast was ful of poison; but what was the matter further with him, I did not know: For the present he had some ease after his vomiting; I gave him a Pil at least 18. grains, to take when he went to bed, which he did, and that in like sort set him a vomiting most of that night, and most of the next day; it also purged his Gall of divers colours; but the Woman where he lay, would let him take no more; the two that I left for him, she threw them in the fire, and cryes out against my Pills for making him sick: But that night the *Small-Pox* appeared all over his skin; and being over-ruled, was not so happy as to continue with my Pills, which had drove them from his heart into his skin; and for want of more, the Disease grew extremely upon him, and he all over covered with them and in Flux extremely; and was for a time stark distracted, and talked idle of he knew not what; they employed two called Doctors, but to no purpose; indeed it was beyond all mens judgment that he should escape with life, but as soon as he was Master

of himself, he called for more of my Pils, which he had, but did not vomit any more. He saith, (and I believe will say while he liveth) That nothing that ever he took did him any good, but my Pils, which did free his heart of them, and as a means did save his life, which is undoubtedly true; & I am confident if they had been given to have seconded that which I did give him, his sickness would not have been above the tenth of what it was; for such is our experience, that if it cannot altogether prevent them, yet it doth so dispose them, that they are not like the Disease; for some that in reason would have been as bad as any, yet by their constant and thorough use of my Pils all the time of their being ill, have hardly missed one meals meat, but quickly with strength and vigor have been restored.

*It helpeth the shaking and trembling of the Joynts, strengtheneth the Brain, and entrencheth Memory.*

I have already spoke enough of the Palsie, or shaking of the Joynts, and for strengthening of the Brain and Memory, (I say) I am through God's rich mercy and goodness a living Monument and Testimony of its true virtue, power and effect; for they are at this day far better than when I was but seventeen years old, and my sight as good as ever since

Since I had them for any thing I can perceive,  
 & that is as good as any I think in the world;  
 & although there is a sleepiness or dulness  
 the next day in many that takes it, which  
 is not used to it, they finde it seldom so  
 the third day; but instead of heaviness, all  
 for the most part do finde a wonderful  
 lightness of heart, and chearfulness of body  
 all over, that they think themselves as if they  
 were in a new world, and yet it must be  
 granted that if any ones grief lies in their  
 head, that then it will be nimble and sure  
 both to search it out and help it, if it please  
 God to permit; for it is evident it works  
 most where most cause is; many again do  
 finde it fully to answer their expectations;  
 and yet never finde it to work in their  
 heads at all, although they have taken it in  
 great quantity; and let a thousand take it,  
 and they will all tell of several effects, as e-  
 very one differs in one kind or other; also  
 their ailes, and their different judgments  
 upon those ailes: for very well we know, let  
 all speak and judge as they will, that the  
 whole of it to all intents and purposes in  
 all the operations of it, is to strengthen and  
 fortifie nature from head to heel, and many  
 which have and do take much of it, have  
 confidently supposed, that I have not made  
 it so good at one time as at another, because  
 they

they find oft-times contrary effects and operations, as sometimes to be dry, sometimes not, and sometimes sweat much, and sometimes not at all; and sometimes break wind much, and sometimes not at all: And so in many other cases it is indeed daily evidenced. For, (as is said) as a man's Ailes are, so will it work, it is they that alter, the Pil is the same. Note therefore, that you may know I cannot make such alterations in the making of it, because I do give none but what took his beginning three years (and upward) ago. Yet I must confess it is wonderful to observe, that sometimes it will have a double effect to what it will have at another time, as in cases of Colds, Surfeits, and the like, or some evil quality is gotten in the stomach, it will abide no such thing, but will assault that that assaults Nature, whatever it be.

*Revives and comforts the heart.*

The like revived, I think for a Creature of God, I do from my heart believe, and by experience I find (as much occasion as I have had in the World) the World never enjoyed the like with it; and let me now bless and praise the Most High, who only beareth rule in Heaven above, and in the earth beneath: The time hath been, and that a long and tedious time to me many years together,

together, I have been so oppressed and loaden with pains and feebleness of heare, as if I alwayes carried a quarter of an hundred weight perpetually in my Chest or Breast. So I went always as if loaden, that it hath made me make a wrinckled face to stir out of my way to give place either to Horse or Carr, as for men, I alwayes would be sure to give them room enough, I ever going with pain and anguish, and full of sighing; and truly, although I was poor, yet was I then filled with such pain, as I should hardly have stooped to have took up a penny; but now through Mercy (that which is true, will hardly be credited) I finde my self set at liberty, that to my own feeling I do not weigh upon my shooes, as I go up and down, not one ounce, my heart is so light, freed from all oppression, my body so clean and nimble; and whereas I was grown stiff, that I did sensibly perceive that through much weakness I began to stride short, now my Leggs are at liberty, that to my thinking I can never tread wide enough; and at this instant of writing, I took my right foot in my right hand, and did lift my heel to my mouth without the help of the other hand, and all over my whole man (without any exception) God by this Pil hath thus renewed me; I do with joy and laughter give my



my enemies leave to charm against my Pil, what is spoke, is no fable, it is apparently discernable, especially of all those that in times past did know me; and many with me, who with wrakness and old age have strided short and narrow, their silver Cordes (as it were) tied together, so that they stride little, and that with staggering, have received their Legs again with the use of this Pil, and are amongst us which bear testimony, who themselves are fetcht off their languishing beds, and enjoy their Limbs with comfort.

*In women it brings them to due Courses, whether they want or abound.*

Soe our experience for the most part; and this may be easily discerned for opening all obstructions.

One Maid of about twenty eight years of age, being obstructed about five or six years, inso much as she grew very diseased, and troubled with strange fits, and one of her leggs grew as big as three leggs, and did also break and run: This Maid was weary of her life, her wracking pain was such, as she did roar out in such hideous manner, as was sore oppressive unto her Friends, help she could get none; she meets with my Pills and over-charging her self, threw them away, as being afraid of them, that which she had

had taken working a little higher then she would have had it; about a year after she comes to me with her sister, and makes lamentable complaint, and shewed me her leg with stinking ulcers in it; she followed my Pil with more discretion than at first; it was not above a Month but it freed her of all her fits, brought her into an orderly and monthly Flux, took down her leg, and made it no bigger then the other, and healed the Ulcers; she enjoyed so much health, as she married a Husband, and lived comfortably with him, and buried him, and married another, all this to my knowledg; and what is become of her now, I know not. These confirmations I do not want; neither do I wish any man more harm to himself then to think so ill of my Pil, as not to use it in his need; but for me, the Master that I have alwayes served hath confirmed his mercy in blessing it to me and to many; unto him alone be all the praise and honor, for ever, Amen.

*It is present help for any Flux or Scouring of blood, or otherwise, and stops them incontinently.*

Although it be the Gonorrhea, or Running of the Reins, or issue of Blood, either at Urine, or at Fundament, or any other Flux or Scouring, it is the most sovereign help (I think) in the world: for if  
need

need be, it will as well purge as bind, and is frequently proved ; but it will over-rule the grief, and stop it, by degrees, as may be for the Patients advantage : And if this Pil be laid open upon a wel-glazed Dish, & dried & mixed in Conserve of red Roses, it is very proper on this occasion ; and this hath helped when *Crocus Martis* would do nothing, nor the Sugar of *Saturn*, all which are as forcible almost as Art, I have proved it ; for if these have stopped, they have thrown the Patient into intollerable pains and wrackings, besides, Fever; but this so pleasantly, so gently and sweetly, that it is the desire and joy of the Patient to have a Pil in his belly.

A lusty man a Trumpeter, who had been at the *East-Indies*, brought such a Flux home with him, that could not be staid by what means soever could be used to that end, and his weakness is not to be credited, & yet live; and after he came home in this condition, it was one year and an half, or two years, before he applyed himself unto my Pil ; and although his constant manner was to purge six or eight times in the night, the first Pil stopped him, and eased him, and that in a wonderful manner. I shall not want the benefit of this man's prayers while he and I do live together, and as is said, my Pil did not violently stop him, but by degrees naturally; and when  
through

through impatience he had got som violent  
 astringer, as those above, he was all torn in  
 his Limbs, & glad to take my pil to vvith-  
 stand their force, but because this fiery *Acri-  
 mony* had cut asunder all retention through  
 length of time, his vvater for the most part  
 going that vvay, I for my part did despair  
 of his cure; for he would even have affright-  
 ed one to behold him; yet it hath pleased  
 God to be so favourable unto this poor  
 man, as that he is now in health, and did  
 since sound a Trumpet in Col. Rich's Regi-  
 ment; and vvho list to speak vvith him, shall  
 hear much more then I have said, to Gods  
 glory, and your vvonder, vvwhether friend  
 or enemy. I see the blessing of God which  
 he hath afforded unto poor people; for  
 they vvill come and ask, and find help; this  
 is Gods blessing. The rich oft ask, and pay  
 large, and go vvithout help; this is a sore e-  
 vil under the sun: Some cry out against it as  
 a great binder or shutter up of their bodies;  
 if it be so to any, I am sure it is to their great  
 benefit in taking off from them vvindiness,  
 also feverishnesse, or those other distempers  
 they take them for; I am also sure, that  
 there is not one in an hundred ( but that  
 although it doth not bind them a little at  
 the beginning ) but that they find it to  
 purge at the latter end; I do grant some bo-  
 dies to be dryer then others; and for these

(when they have a necessity to use it by reason of weakness) let them use it with Syrrup of Roses, in such quantity as doth make it friendly with them; or that which is for some better, take equal parts of Scamony, called *Diagredium*, or make it so as to suit their constitutions, but in this matter not to do it but with good advice, & that there do appear an apparent necessity for it; it will frequently astringe for 3, 4, or 5. days, and afterwards keep you loose while you take it; if the cause continue for which you take it, you may thus deal with it; otherwise if you have need of it in its strength, then suffer it to follow its own law, & you will not repent your self, be of what temper you will; there are some such whom it hath purged most of all, which otherwise have been most astringent; no man knoweth how it will work with him, till he hath proved it: I my self have gone four or five days without any stool, & have wondered what would become of all I have put into my belly; for I did eat my meat all that time as heartily as ever I did in my life, and was as well indeed, I may say in a new World, for it was at first when I took it, & all that time I did breathe freely, neither had I the least fumes or swelling, or any thing like unto oppression, nor any heat, which made me wonder, & indeed

may,



nay, for it is much against common experi-  
 ences; nay further, all that four or five days  
 I could have laid my belly to my back, so free  
 was I from any kind of swelling; then at 4.  
 or 5. days end (I confesse I have forgot whe-  
 ther) all went in a light stool, which did lye  
 above like a Cork; and after that it did ever  
 bring my belly to an orderly course once e-  
 very day, and rather purgative; and so I re-  
 main with much help through the blessing  
 of God, & can make my self purge when I  
 wil with pleasure; but I dare not purge, all is  
 wel, I have no need, this pill always doth (as  
 I may say) watch over me, & oft doth find  
 matter sometimes to purge by Seige, & som-  
 times by urine, & sometimes by sweat: I do  
 observe these changes, but the reason and  
 caule of it I do not understand; I know my  
 pil is the same; but change of all things with  
 me, doth sometimes work a change in my  
 pils operation. It is for the most part a con-  
 stant rule with my pil to purge men & wo-  
 men of gross corpulent bodies; but people  
 of spare and thin bodies not so; if any by  
 good experience do find that it doth bind  
 them, & that also they find that that bind-  
 ing is indeed hurtful above that which is ima-  
 ginary; for I know many complain for no  
 cause, but that their custome is broke, & that  
 it doth not follow the order as they would

have it; but I say, if it do in this case offend,  
 a *Clister* then maybe necessary for them; on-  
 ly this you must observe either in *Clister* or  
*purging Physick*, to keep as far off the taking  
 of the pil, as you can, lest it should not suf-  
 fer the potion to work, that is, take the pur-  
 ging-physick at least two or three days after  
 the pil is taken, or else you may expect  
 that the potion wil not work; for you must  
 know, that the purging quality in the potion  
 is from a *poysenous quality*, otherwise it could  
 not purge, and that quality my pil doth so  
 perfect y' correct, as you may expect it do  
 nothing: But I do much rather wish you, if  
 there be cause indeed, then to use a safe *Clis-  
 ter* of Milk from the Cow, and Sugar only,  
 which wil produce no evil effects. You may  
 note, that as its correct on is less, so its force  
 is less; therefore if you with the pil add a  
 purger, as Scamony or Sirrup of Roses, or  
 som other, it may be it may suit your body:  
 And all this D scourse is to please ther, as it  
 were a single person, & is endued with good  
 wil, and hath need of it: but I do certainly  
 know, the poise of Nature is most happy &  
 blessed for man, for the generality of them,  
 and therefore cannot be altered: & if thou  
 dost know it, as it may be hereafter thou  
 maist, thou wilt see nothing in it can bewan-  
 ting, and also that additions would be vain,  
 yet

yet for thy sake I have spoken; if it so fall out  
 that the *disposition* of thy body should so far  
 differ from others: I observ the general opi-  
 nion of all, that is, if they be not in good  
 order as you call it, then do they cry out of  
 fumes, & it may be pains in their head; and  
 I grant that usually it is so where this pil is  
 not; but I assure you, where this pil is, is the  
 clean contrary; for although they go not to  
 stool for six or eight days, yet all that time  
 there is no vapors nor fumes not in one of a  
 hundred; I confels if any wil strive through  
 ill decorum towards themselves, and tempt  
 God, it is just these should be answer'd ac-  
 cordingly; it is further for these to note, that  
 if they take this pil, and let it come to pow-  
 der out of the sun ( as that it wil soon be )  
 and then beat it to fine powder, & infuse it  
 in White-wine, and so drink the extract of  
 it, that then it doth not stringe the hals as  
 it doth when you take the *Terra* with it, &  
 you wil also find it more *spirituous* in effect:  
 Such as have no need of it, may at a cheap  
 rate let it alone; but again, those that have  
 need of it, had best be wel advis'd how they  
 negle& it for small & impertinent matters:  
 We have *experience* enough of its just power  
 to be both to bind and to loose according  
 unto Natures Law: Thou that snuffest at  
 it because thou hast took two, or it may be

but one, it may be by fits more; do thou know, if thou wilt use it, & grow friendly with it, thou wilt find a contrary effect in its working; for it wil now bind, and by and by purge.

*It strengthens and opens the spleen, and tears away wind in an incredible manner.*

This is the constant experience of all that take it, and I think not one of an hundred but wil acknowledge it; but by my own experience I do add further, that although I have not been made sensible of a violent breaking of vvind downvvard, yet before morning I have found all oppression gone, my self free and lightsome, and I have not known which way, but my reason tells me, that lying in a gentle breathing sweat, the pores of my body being thereby all set open, vvind hath thereby found secret and insensible passage, and sometimes I have sensibly perceived it to go by Urine; but his ordinary working is mightily downward, as all in general find it to do.

*Drieth up Hydopical humours.*

Things not to be credited it hath done in this distemper.

An ancient man troubled with this distemper, took it but in reasonable dose for one month together, the vveather indeed was warm, it did sweate him, as he told me,  
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every night so mightily, that his maid said it went thorough the Feather-bed whereon he lay every night, and wrought as strongly by Urine; and I do protest, this man at the monthsend was fresher and fairer, and stronger to his labour than when I begun with him, and is at this instant in good health; and this was three years agoe from this present writing.

I shall vwrite here a strange and wonderful, but accidental cure, I think, as hath been heard of in this Age: A young Woman having languished for a long time under very many diseases, the worst that usually may attend an honest Womans body, as the Drop sicke, Stone, Consumption or Pricksick, shortness of breath, sore fits of the Mother, Jaundice, as I did clearly see by her eyes; this Woman having spent much for a long time, but in vain, she grew worse and worse, and did despair of help in this World; she was scarcely able to stand or breathe; at the entreaty of good Women of our Country, I went to see her, she being born within a mile where I was, I should hardly have gon to her, but we were school-fellows at *Nottingham*; I found her in this sad condition: I durst promise nothing more then this, if I did her no good, I would do her no harm: I made her five or six smal

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pills, with order to drink White-wine after them, and to take each night one, and as she liked them, so let me hear from her: she accordingly takes them: the third day her husband comes to me with words of wonder, & abundance of thanks, and told me that his Wife was finely recover'd, that she had breath in good length and order, and slept wel, and began to eat, and that he had brought some of the Stones which she voided, with him to shew me: and (said he) what shal I say? your pills have done more then possibly might have been imagined: I praised God with him. He took half an ounce more of my pills with him, and because of the fits of the Mother, I willed him to take half an ounce of my Oyl of Amber, & give her three drops in a spoonful of White-wine, & then drink a glassful of White-wine after it. He went home, and the next morning gives her 2. spoonfuls of this Oyle: the woman faints with heat, as needs she must, her heart being suffocated with fire, and the next morning he gives her the rest of the half-ounce, so that he gave her as much at twice, as should have served two hundred times, or near it: it is indeed a miracle that this Woman was not destroyed, but (orderly taken) a better thing could not have been given to have helped & assisted her pills against those fits  
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the Mother: this woman receiving this  
 half ounce into her body, extremely fain-  
 ted. Her husband comes not to me, but  
 runs unto a wife Doctor which could not see  
 the power of Oyle of Amber, but clatters  
 hard against me and my pills, but would  
 give her nothing, but plentifully bestowed  
 the Gallows upon me for killing her, and  
 without shame (as a man that had but one  
 ear, never searching the truth) meeting me,  
 & near before a dozen people which stood  
 by, charged me with killing this woman, &  
 before them all, threatened me with holding  
 up my hand at the Bar: I gave him not a  
 word, it was neither time nor place, but lift-  
 ed up my heart to God, knowing my own  
 innocency, & was sorry he should do him-  
 self so much wrong, and of all men living  
 I had deserved better things at his hand: I  
 did wonder to hear this charge, for I had  
 not heard one word, neither did J, but what  
 came from him, till three months after, it  
 pleased God that with what good this wo-  
 man had received from the pills she took be-  
 fore (for this Doctor did so fright them,  
 that they thought it was my pills that  
 wrought so with her, as that she took no  
 more, I say) altogether proved happy for  
 the woman, for at once she was released of  
 all her diseases, and being well and about

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the street, an ancient Gentlewoman, Mistris *Titchin* in *Bedlam*, calls to her, and said, You but the other day as 'twere, was il of many diseases, and now you are so wel of a sudden; you have got one good Medicine or other, I pray you let me have some of it: She replied, that she had a Countrey-man at the Tower gave pils, and that they had cured her, but they had like to have killed her; and that she had the rest of them at home, but durst not take any more of them: Come (said Mistris *Titchin*) give them me, I wil take them; which she did, and when she had spent them, she calls to her, and told her that she must bring her to the man, for she must have more of those pils: and this vvas near 3. months before either I or the Woman did know what it was that did hurt her: This ancient Gentlewoman vwith my Countrey-woman comes to my house, I not being at home, this woman askt for the Oil I sent her to take by spoonfuls; my maid told her I had no oil I gave by spoonfuls: I had indeed an Antidore which I did give in spoonfuls: To be short, this Woman soon found the Bottle by its scent, and so she and we came to know how she came wel, as God hath ordered it; and she hath remained wel for this two years, if not more, and hath born a Child or two since: This is a true and faithfull relation to the best of my remembrance

membrance, as J have from their own mouths; and thanks be to God vvho hath kept me, and vvil keep me in his way, notwithstanding the envy and rage of my enemies, so that through mercy J care not for it; yet notwithstanding this Doctor in the fury of his malice hath took off those good Women, & not a fevv more, from the use of my Pil, which J know wel wil all turn to his perpetual shame. J pray God forgive him with my whole heart, J am taught by him to take heed of making men idols.

*In fine, I know no disease that it doth not either perfectly ease, or perfectly cure.*

Although this Bil hath novv been made publike above these four years, and J had both reason and experience then enough to avouch it in my conscience before Almighty God, and experience enough to avouch it before men; there hath been added ever since a daily load of experiences, which (as a Cloud of Witnesses) confirm what J have published; for such are indeed the wonders of God daily brought to our ears, some of which J have indeed related unto you, and indeed (as J may say) the happy returns of prayer in the administering of this pil, doth abundantly ballance the bitterness of envy, and the false lyes and forgeries of the vvill-ignorant; and by the constant meetings  
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together of a catalogue of mercies upon mercies, all of them pleading my just cause against the proudest conceit: I do therefore with joy submit to reproach, knowing that reproach shal be the portion of the happy in this life; and if the Lord whom I serve, did not by his constant presence and blessing upon my labor give vigour and life unto my just and honest endeavour for the good of mankind, I should have bin charmed and frightened off from this my employment the Highest hath called me unto; but putting my trust in him, shal proceed in his name with joy, fear, love and trembling, not doubting but he that is able to keep that which in his name I have committed unto him, who hath and doth keep me in all my ways, wil never fail me of his blessed assistance and protection in wel-doing; and such hath been my care and indulgence towards all alwayes, that except people desperately presumptuous both to abuse themselves and me, they cannot likely hurt themselves: And while I am now writing, I wil give an instance or two which come into my mind, which wil make good what I now drive at. A Woman a Nurse-keeper comes to us for one quarter of an ounce of my pills, which my Wife weighed her, another staying for another, she having her  
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own, catcht up the other out of the scale, and popt it into her mouth, and swallowed it all at once, and away she goes; J had a friend with me by the fire-side; my wife being frightened, cryed out, the Woman would kil her self; We wondered to see her skip away so fast, but did not wel conceive the matter; about fourteen dayes after my maid met her in *Tower-street*, asked her how she did vwith that quantity of pil at once in her belly: She replied that she was wel, and that she sate up all that night with her child which she did nurse, onely it did make her head ach a little. This relation is true, but not to be follow'd without danger. I neither knew her name nor her dwelling, to administer any thing to have over-ruled it: J do think this preposterous act of this Woman may shew unto all its safety, if there be any reason used in the administering of it: And vvhhereas J say, J have taken it my seif twelve months, it is true that J have taken it novv almost five yeats, and have not, J am sure missed it in all the time from the first til this present, not twenty nights; neither shal J miss it, except it should please God to grant me a better (of which I novv have little hope.) and the effects through divine goodness are with me blessed: I alvways have need of it, as of a strong *Cordial*, although

although I do not alwayes use the same quantity ; for I never weighed one for my self in all my life, but I make them bigger or lesser as I find my self to have more or lesse need of them.

And when I am as wel as I could wish, I do take a little one to keep me so; but if I get cold, or ought else that troubles me, J do then take one bigger : And this J find by constant experience, and J do assure you it is no more then what is true, that it never failed me, but alwayes comes with fresh strength and reviving, as truly and effectually as when J took it at first, and not like other things, which with much use wil lose their virtue, power and effect, but my Pill is ever the same, working higher or lower, as it finds cause, and according unto the quantity that is taken; so that what change is, is not in it, but in me : And J do further confirm what J formerly said, as to the enjoying of my health and chearfulnesse, through many weakneses; for such is the clearness of my body, and freeness from any obstructions, that J have run from the first step of my house, unto the highest step upon the Leads on the house-top, and never draw my breath; also such ease and chearfulnesse of heart, that as J go along the streer, it is as if J did not tread on the ground;

ground ; and as J have oft said, so J do say again, that to my thinking J do not weigh one ounce upon my shoo-heels. Now my sleeve is full of pins that J gather from the ground; but when J hung upon my Doctors sleeve, J alwayes was so oppressed and filled with pains, & so sore oppressed and laden at my breast, that although poor, yet should hardly have stooped to have taken up a penny, and if J had stooped upon any occasion J did not know how to get up again without great pain and difficulty, and with the help of my hands upon my knees: J further found, and do find my limbs to lengthen, or set at liberty, which before were stiff, as if they were shrunk : Now J can leap, run, or any such like thing with refreshing, which before was far from me. What shall J say! J am through mercy a living monument of his mercies, & of Gods blessing upon this Pill; for near these five yeers J have not used any other thing but it and my Antidote, and sometimes of my Oyl of Amber; and if these should fail me, as J know not how soon they may, J suppose J should hardly send over the threshold for what is elsewhere to be gained for money; yet J will deal freely and truly with you, J have been so put to it upon extraordinary occasions of Fevers, colds, and aguish infections, to take four pills of good bignesse

bigness, betwixt eight at night, and the  
 next day, allowing three or four hours be-  
 twixt each pil, and I do the rather report  
 this, because I know it wil be exemplary to  
 many; for such hath been my weakness, that  
 if I did not take a pil in the time aforesaid,  
 should faint, beside the help of strong *Cardi-  
 Waters*, & burnt Wine; and instead of cold  
 mortal *Jalips* in a Fever, I make use of these  
 comfortable things, not fearing my Fever, if  
 I can but hold up my vital Spirits, & let my  
 pil & Fever try the mastery, I know accor-  
 ding unto Gods appointment it shal be, but  
 for so many yeers, 20. Fevers which have  
 been apparent, thus have I been helped; for  
 if one pil wil be too weak, it must be assisted  
 with another, & if two be too weak, it must  
 be assisted wth a third; and if three be too  
 weak, it must be assisted with a fourth. Thus  
 far have I gone with it my self, and seldom  
 it is that a Fever staid with me twenty four  
 hours, or hardly ever it keep me in a doore  
 all the next day, but by afternoon likely I  
 am master of it, & let all take notice, that it  
 is far better to take a little & oft, than is to  
 say, four hours atunder, as I did, & do my  
 self, if there be occasion, so wil it work sweet-  
 ly and powerfully with ease & delight. And  
 whereas I spoke of the stopping of some of  
 my organical parts, they were my ears and  
 tongue, which were so much affected, that I  
 could not hear, nor speak.

nose, my ears so opened, that when I held my breath and blew, the wind would flye through both my ears, I could perceive it by making my hair flye on both sides; and indeed they are both as good as ever since they were mine, which before the use of my Pil, were weak and defective.

I do therefore always renew my thanksgiving unto God for so great a mercy bestowed upon me now in the latter end of my days; for as I have said often, such hath been my continued pains and anguish for above twenty years, that I have not known the hour in all that time wherein I have took so much pleasure in my life, as to desire to live it out: I joyfully acknowledge unto the praise of my Master whom I have served from my youth up, with an upright and perfect heart, that in all that time the joys of a better life were always set before my face, with the lively beams thereof always kept alive in my heart; and through mercy I durst not complain, nor say my burden was too heavy for me: I ever abhorred such thoughts as too ignoble for a Christian, that puts his trust in Gods free mercy in Christ: I perpetually cryed aloud for strength to bear and suffer his will, and it was enough for me, the Master that I always have served, never suffered that Cross to be too heavy and burthensome to me: I know



well it crossed nothing but an unbelieving,  
 corrupt, and carnal mind. I have oft won-  
 dered (considering my apparent weakness)  
 wherefore I did live, or how life permitted  
 me, forasmuch as I could not discern which  
 way I was likely to perform service, either  
 unto God or man, more then this, that it was  
 for my Lord and Masters Power to rest upon  
 me, and to manifest his glory in my great in-  
 firmity; but now I am apt to think that I  
 am preserved (as with joy I do find) to be a  
 blessing and a refreshing unto many; and  
 truly the poverty and sickness, rejection of  
 friends & relations, which hath past me, doth  
 not (as it doth with too many) set me on to  
 take hold on riches, or make haste to be rich,  
 or fill my self with the profits and pleasures  
 of this life, but much rather, if it were pos-  
 sible for me, such doth the burning desire of my  
 heart, I say, I would if possible I had the  
 sickness and bitterness of all men, and fre-  
 quently with joy and tears when I have heard  
 the relations of those poor which by my hand  
 as a weak instrument, I say, when they have  
 told of great things the Lord hath done for  
 them, my soul within me hath desired with  
 praise and thanksgiving that I might have  
 been spared unto so great and glorious work  
 as the Lord employs me in & I see also, and  
 perceive why I my self have been trained up

in affliction, to the end I might learn of the true Pattern of all obedience, Jesus Christ who came not to do his own Will, but the Will of him that sent him; who speaking of those that are his, and have interest in him, as of sons and children, that he took part with them, to wit, flesh and blood, the nature of *Abraham*, not Angels, and was tempted as a man, that he might succour those that are tempted, and learn to be a merciful Saviour. And let me speak further, (whether my heart deceive me, God knoweth) it is my perpetual supplication, that I might rather dye and cease, then that this my rejoycing should be made void, but that I may truly and faithfully do likewise unto the utmost of my power, always ready to joyn my shoulder unto him that is ready to fall, supporting, comforting and assisting according unto what I have received, extended always unto him that is sick and feeble of heart; and through mercy there is a good witness for the time past (I doubt not) recorded in heaven; and I further hope to encrease it through the blessed assistance of him who sheweth mercy unto the poor and needy in their distress.

## Directions how to take this Pill aright.

**L**Et it be understood that each one according unto his age, strength, or weakness, is to take a portion severally.

The ordinary dose is the bigness of a grey pease swelled, or twelve grains, or ten, or fourteen grains, or upwards to twenty grains where strength will admit; but to a child new born no more then a pin-head, and not a great one neither, but about one quarter of a grain. My advice and counsel is to all both old and young, that they be sure they take little enough at first, and in so doing there is great safety, always having regard to the strength and condition of the Patient; and forasmuch as the thing in its own property is a meer Cordial, and a great fortifier of Nature, too much you may take without safety, as a man may drink too much Wine, but too little you cannot take as to safety, so that the least grain is profitable to whole Nature, and not in the least prejudicial: Therefore I do warn and charge that you begin with little enough, and that you do encrease afterward as you

you find by good experience the Patient can bear it: Unto a Child of ten or twenty hours old, give as much as a small pins head, and so encrease with care, as you shall find it to work; it at once brings them to rest, causeth them to eat and suck lustily, and drives out any thing amiss in them: And for a child a year old, give as much as a great pin head, still encreasing as you do perceive strength to bear it; but it is better to give it to old or young, a little and oft, alwayes taking it vwhen you are going to bed, or in bed; and you must allow twelve or fourteen hours unto its working, and above all things take heed of colds; but if you should get a cold, haste to bed, take a good Pill, it is gone, it will do you no hurt; if you find your head to be giddy & unstedd, and also your stomach to be heaving, its best to give it time and repose by sleep, lest you be very sick and vomit; which you will not do if your stomach be not very foul. Note, that it is not in its strength of working, till after four or five hours taken: There is no observation of diet, but for men and women to keep a wholesom, open and cleane dyet, avoiding all things that are cold and windy in operation, but alwayes keep your stomach warm with that which is good and wholesom; also alwayes drink a Wine-Glass of the best Beer, Ale or Wine after the taking of the

Pill: It is to be noted, that if a mans head and breast be well, he may rise at any time: J my self do frequently rise after the taking my last Pill, about two hours; (this is in hot weather) not but that J must sleep again. You must further give what time you wil, if your stomach be foul and poisonous, you will vomit. J do in the Winter-time frequently when J am abroad, and find my self not wel, take a little Pill of four Grains. or a grain or two more, as J like my self, and drink a cup of good Beer after it, this doth raise me up beyond all beleaf: its common operation is by sweat and urine, which you may increase as you please; you shall find, that a double portion will have a double effect, so that you may do what you wil with your self. It is further to be noted, that after three or four days this Pill will purge your body, but with haste & pleasure generally it doth purge. You will also find a fiery sharp humor to go away; and although it make you a little sore for the present, yet wil you have cause to give thanks to God for its discharge, although with pain; you wil do wel to let it take its own course, and follow Natures Law; it oft appears most by Urine: J know many because of its strange working have slighted it, and left it, and spake ill of it through their own fears, unto their own hurt, and yet at last it hath



hath been their last and best refuge: these are  
 not a few in and about *London*, and now, who  
 shall commend it like these? It is no new  
 thing to have the best substances thrown by,  
 if they do not in all things appear according  
 unto received circumstances: I do wish all  
 that are weak to do as I do my self, to use this  
 Pill more or less, as they do find occasion, and  
 always have within their reach a cup of the  
 best; a spoonful of good Cordial-Water is  
 good in cold weather; My Pill doth hate all  
 small-drinks that are fomented or wrought  
 with yeast, which fills with Wind and Rhumes.  
 Keep ever your stomach warm with whole-  
 some meat and drink, and care not for being  
 a little hot; let it suffice thee that my Pill al-  
 though hot, yet doth it kill all unnatural heat  
 wherever: I have always by me a Bottle of  
 rich Cordial-Water, and a pot of strong-Beer  
 or Ale, with Sugar, or of the Sirrup of black  
 Cherries, which after my way of making,  
 doth excel; and sometimes I do use these a-  
 part, and sometimes together, as I do find  
 my self, and sometimes none of them all; but  
 of any drink whatever it be, be not too free  
 with it at one time, but rather a little and oft.  
 You will find this Pill to course and follow  
 Wind up and down from head to heel, as a  
 Dog followeth a Hare through every Hedge  
 and Bush; and in this working you will of a  
 sudden

sudden find a little faintness, then a Spoon-ful of that which is best is acceptable and well applied; at that time be sure to keep your head on your Pillow, and while one would tell forty it is gone: and thus it will do till it hath found some natural Purger for his enemy; but if thou dost not break wind by a sensible way of evacuation, yet thou shalt find it gone thou knowest not which way; thou maist observe that thy Pores are set open all over thy body, and by secret breathings at those little Pores, it wil oft make his way, and sometimes by Urine it wil follow natures law, and use those purges which is most apt and spontaneous; and what pains soever thou hast (old or new) wil give way, and thou at ease, as if thou ailedst nothing; for the most part it is so, but if thou find it take too high upon an old grief, know it is in order to heal and cure it; therefore I say, condescending unto thy weakness and unbelief, prove it first with a little, and increase with judgement, as you find strength and courage to bear it, thou maist know that it hath power, if thou hast wisdom to apply it.

It falls out oft upon surly griefs, as Sciatica and Gout in the feet, that it will nibble at them more strongly then thou wouldst, therefore mark what I have said to thee.

In my first Bil I did not commend it to women with child, both because my Pil is not

not now as then, neither had I experience? but now I do commend it to them above any thing in the world for the health both of mother and child, and if young women will avoid green and hurtful fruits, and windy things, and instead thereof keep a good and vvhole-som diet, and now and then (if cause) to use of these Pills, we should not have so many miserable vveak children, but vvomen vvil so palpably enslave their ovvn healths and lives, and their infants unto a foolish lust, so that vvhich proves pernicious unto both, observing neither vvhat is for their ovvn or infants health and welfare.

I vvill relate one story of a woman with childe, one that lived about *Savories* mills in *Southwark*, and this woman was extremely tormented, but did not know vvhat it was that troubled her; shee had took divers things but to no purpose, and so it vvvas that her pains did exceed, that shee vvvas vveary of her life; this vvoman meets vvith one of my Pills, but how J did not know vvtil afterwards, and vvithout leave takes it at a venture, and contrary unto its usual course, it set this vvoman a purging, and gave her above twenty stools, and then brought from her an abortive or false conception, vvhereat shee vvvas vvell, and so continued all the month that she had to go, and in her season vvvas delivered of a lusty boy very vvell, and so both  
mother

mother and child continue well for any thing as ever I heard, praised be God; and after we heard of this woman, we likewise heard of others, which did take it in the very hour of travel with happy success, and with much ease, more then ever they brought childe into the world before: and now lately it is grown common with women that know it, and use it in the time of being with childe, to take it in their extremity, and also to give it their Childe as soon as born, if they discern cause.

I will now give you one instance or two of some that have used it presumptuously, and have took too much of it; it may be such like experiences will admonish the unruly to use a good thing to a good purpose, and not abuse themselves thereby.

About a month ago I chanced to light into the company of a man that lives near London-Bridge in *Thames* street, he said he lay one night with a Gentleman which lay at his house: this Gentleman having of my Pills in a silver box, took one himself, and left his box on the table and went to bed; this man he takes as much at twice as would have made five or six Pills (he compared it to his thumb end) the least of which would have been enough for him; this portion did begin to work very high upon him, and he fell into a strong vomiting, in a strong sweat,

and after a while he must needs go to stool; he in his sweat goes down two pair of stairs to the house of Office, and he protested to me, that as he sat upon the stool, the sweat did drop off him upon his feet: Thus twice he went down two pair of stairs to purge, and very ill by fits, it made him so that he thought he should have dyed no other death; but (says he) I will never take more of your Pills. This man is old enough to have seen his error, and my pills benefit, yet this is his conclusion; hence let all be admonished to follow direction given, for his resolution was as rash as taking the Pills was, and carries so much folly in it, as it doth stand more need to be pitied then answered; for who seeth not but that if he had taken a portion fit for him, how profitable it would have been for him?

A childe in *St. Martins* being presently helped of Rickets and ill digestion of meat, &c such like griefs, another of their next neighbors comes in great haste for another childe in like condition; I gave her Pills as the other had, and shewed her by making one or two, what quantity she should give the child; she follows my order the first day, and she did sensibly discern such a mighty change in the boy, both as to his breath and cheerfulness all the next day, as did much delight her; and she said, if so much as this little thing



thing do my child so much good, / will give it more, and that will do it more good (and indeed so it proved. for it cured the boy) and she gave it what she thought good, / shall never know how much it was she gave him; but the next day the child was very sick, & would eat nothing, but oft fainted, and vomited much; she sends to me in great haste, & she feared I had killed her child; / asked her sister whom she sent, if they had followed my direction; she assured me that they had to a tittle; In the afternoon I went to see what was the matter, and by that time the boy was very well, and had broke through it; and the woman then told me what she had done; and her sister (who affirmed that they had strictly followed my rules) said, Did not I tel you, you would kill the boy by giving him too much. Thus you may see how J am dealt with, and J know in this J am not alone; if this Child had dyed, J should have been called the killer of it, neither should J ever have heard what the Mother had done to it.

While J am writing at present, came a man to me fit to be remembred, although out of place, which for two years was sore troubled with a sharpeating Rhume falling from his head, that he was almost lost; he looked blackish, yellow, wan, his eyes dull, he was almost starved for want of meat; he could neither

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eat nor sleep, he could get no help; God's good hand directed him to me in time of need; his throat and pallate of his mouth almost eat away; I looked into his mouth at his request, there was a hole eat out I could have turned my finger in it; it was sad to see: I did somewhat suspect what Disease it should be, but indeed I think both he and his Wife fears God, and are innocent and chaste in their lives: I gave this man one quartern of my Pil; he came again in five or six days so altered, as I scarce knew him, he did look so cheerful, fresh, his eyes quick, his throat almost well; so much more set him quite well; and so he continues, and he, it may be, spends one quartern in one quarter of a year upon himself. I confess I never in my life, as I can remember, knew the like; what the man ail'd I cannot tell; it is sufficient through Gods blessing even at once, as water would quench fire, so effectually did my Pil administer healing unto him, which did quickly make him pull out the stuff wherewith he had stopped it with.

A Maid that was afflicted with Convulsion-fits in her shoulder, which racked her shoulder-bone out of Joint with intollerable pain, insomuch that she was deprived of the use of her member; she was in the Hospital, and had advice of a great many Chyrurgions, of  
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which some admired, and were amazed at it; they made issues, and bound the member with Rollers to keep the bone into its natural place by force, which put her into extremity of pain, neither could she get a cure in six years time, but grew worse, until hat she had made use of my Pil, and through the blessing of God before she had taken them half a year she was perfectly cured, and in perfect health, able so improve her self in any thing that is fit for one of her years. This is the account I received from her Mother, one Mrs. Scruby in *Gravel Lane, near Aldgate*, who teacheth the Virgins.

An old man upwards of eighty, comes unto me with many thanks, and I wonder-  
ed, not knowing the man, nor his business, who said, that he had been troubled with a Rupture for ten or eleven years, which was a great grief unto him, and making use of my Pil, said, that he was as well as ever he was in his life, for which he praised God with his whole heart; and indeed I think he doth truly fear God, and it did much comfort me to hear him give all praise and thanksgiving unto him who is able to work Wonders, and appears in this man, considering his age, his disease, its length of time. This man, to our remembrance, came and sent (as near as we can remember) six or eight months

months before he came, with so great thanks to God and to me, from whose hands he received it without grutching.

A Clothier comes hither that liveth ten miles from *Bristol*, who having his Sister very ill and lame, and blind of the disease called the Kings Evil; her Legs great, and holes running in them: he goes to *Bristol* and gets eight Pills before she had spent these eight, her sight began to come to her, her legs began to abate of their bigness, also the holes in her legs ran exceedingly; in fine, in the spending of half an ounce more, her sight was perfectly restored, her legs perfectly wel and healed; for this was her own words, That she was as wel as ever she was in her life; blessed be God.

About the middle of June I met a Beggar near *Milford*, who was very thankful for a peny; I asked what he ailed: I appointed him to my house; his leg stunk I could not abide the room, it was black as dirt; his shin bone black, bare, and rotten for two inches; his flesh gone, it was sad to see: I appointed my man to dress it; who was a comfortable man before he could get in clean shoe. The order observed was, Each day while he was with us he took a Pill of about ten grains; his leg daily washed with white Wine; and kept clean; and a Pill of about

18. or 20. grains to take at night when he went to bed, whether he took them or not, as he should, I know not; by that time he had come a Week, he said he could go without his Crutches, but I would not suffer him; but at last I perceived no great willingness in him to be cured; I allowed him six pence a day and his Dinner, otherwise I should have lost my Patient, being willing to cure him; but we saw him strive against cure by drunkenness, by sitting on the bare ground, by opening his Leg, and such like; notwithstanding all which about the beginning of September, he gives many thanks, and said he was well (but I do not believe him.) We from this experiment saw enough to our wonder, if his disorder had not withstood us. Note, that after one Month, we did with a feather annoint his Leg with the Balsom of the Pil, & with a little of the Pil it self. *asked what he did; he answered I pray; I shall now relate a strange story, but true, although to many it may seem incredible.*

○ A Gentleman comes to me with many thanks and much love from an ancient Gentlewoman, aged betwixt eighty and ninety, who said, that she for some years had used nothing but my Pil, and her natural food; and that which was strange to her and all that know her, she now hath young flesh growing in her head; and more, which want to wonderment,



derment, it was with her (As to course of Nature) as when she was but 20 years old, and (said he) she under God ascribes it unto your Skill, and is in very good health and strength, blessed be God. As to this story, if any man or woman cannot believe my report, let them enquire of Mr. *Stephen Montague*, a Gentleman known very well unto most Merchants and Citizens, which I am assured will satisfy them.

A good Woman near *Aldgate*, that for a long time lay sore tormented in her body, breast and back, with wracking pains, her own cry so great, her Husband (as he said) was not able to endure the house, and left off by three able Physicians as helpless, this Woman with one lick of my Antidote (which was mixed with hony) in one quarter of an hour received ease all over her body, and slept six hours or thereabouts, this on *Friday* morning: Her Husband comes to me on *Sunday* morning, and tells me his wife did nothing but eat, and drink, and sleep: It is to be understood, that she continued in the use of the same things, viz. each night 3 Pill, and each 6 or 8 hours one lick of the foresaid Antidote.

A Girl about seven or eight years old, stricken in all appearance with death, having a high Pestilential Fever, continued

eleven or twelve days, taking each 24. hours  
 a pill of bignesse about 8 grains; and in the  
 day some of my Antidore in good Wine;  
 her Fever did not encrease, neither was it  
 quite removed; litle sustenance came in-  
 to her body but what the pills and Anti-  
 dore contributed unto her: I willed them  
 to give her each twelve hours a pill, and  
 her Antidore at six hours betwixt; which  
 the Child was loath to receive, growing  
 very weak; but observing that order, at  
 last through the blessing of God it did dis-  
 charge the poyson of the disease from her  
 heart, and struck it up into the right side of  
 her head and face; and suddenly the child  
 began to revive; and by that time twenty  
 dayes were come about, it had at last con-  
 tracted the disease under her ear, the childs  
 jaws being sore, would receive no meat,  
 and in twenty days, as we believe, the child  
 received not two ounces of bread or meat,  
 but continuing as above, it at last broke just  
 under her ear, and an incredible quantity  
 of filthinesse issued out: Many that saw  
 this Child, would needs have had the Chi-  
 rurgion at work, because (as they said) there  
 would be dead flesh: But I prevailed that  
 there was none, only keeping it clean, and  
 washing it with White-Wine, and anoint-  
 ing it with Oyle of Amber, and Oyl of Ro-  
 ses

ses mixed together. This Child encreased in strength, fel to her meat, but continued taking her pills, which kept her sore open and running; it alwayes kept her sore so wel coloured, and without inflammation, as it was to be admired, neither did any thing else or plaister ever come on it; but about six Weeks or thereabouts, this Child was as wel as ever in all its life, and so continues unto this day, blessed be God, I never saw a case more eminent in all my life; a Creature nearer death, and yet live: Neither did I ever see the power and effect of any Earthly Creature more eminently then in the virtue of my pil and Antidote, as in this Cure; the Lord Almighty be blessed for his goodnesse; for such was the vveaknesse of this Child, that when her Mother lifted her up to give her the pil, the Child had not strength to keep her chaps together without help; and when I saw her jaws to tremble in that manner, I was out of hope; and indeed all her friends heartily wished the trouble of her burial were over; but God (who alone hath the issues of life in his own hand) hath restored her unto perfect health, and our prayer is, that she may live to be a faithful servant unto him who hath thus spared her.

There dwels a Woman in the Tower, who brought her Son about ten or twelve years old, much afflicted with the King's Evil, having two sores, one in his neck, and the other under his ear, they were hard, and with high inflammation, and much swelled.

This Child took of the Pill every night, and every morning, and we dress'd the sores with the Balsom of the Pil, and some of the Pil it self, and a plaister applied also upon it; after a little time there came away a great deal of foul and hard matter; and thus by constant application of the Pil, as above, he was in half a year perfectly wel, cured, and heal'd up, and stil continues the taking of the Pill.

Sir,

**B**Eing brought into a weak and desperate condition through a Cough, which (as some able Physicians informed me) had made a breach in my Lungs, and therefore thought incurable, I resolved to try your Pills which a friend commended to me, and upon the first use of them found so wonderful a change, that made me and others admire the goodness and wisdom of God, that hath laid up so great a virtue in so small a matter; for truly after the taking of one Pill, my Cough was wholly

wholly removed, and ever since I have enjoyed a greater measure of health, than for some years before. I have given of them to several of my acquaintance since, with very great success in Fevers and other distempers. This I thought good to inform you of, as also that I am, Sir,

Your much obliged Friend,

Ja. Reading.

Here follows several instances of Cures performed by my Pill upon several persons in and about Bristol, which are sent me, and attested by the hand of Mr. Nath. Merry, and divers others.

**WE** whose Names are hereunto subscribed, Inhabitants in & about the City of Bristol, desire to declare to the World, and to bear our testimonies to all to whom these presents shall come, on behalf of the Pill made and delivered abroad for the publick good and general benefit of mankind by Richard Mathews, dwelling at



the Tower of London, and we affirm, that through the good blessing of God going along with the pil, rightly used and taken according to the Authors prescription, we have some of us for our selves, some for our relations and others, have found the wonderful and rare effect and virtue thereof, even to admiration, for Agues, Fevers, Surfeits, Consumptions, Gouts, Vomitings, Scourings, Imposthumes, Gripings in the Bowels, vvhich some call the plague in the Guts, Colds, Rhumes, Tooth-ach, Head-ach, Coughs, inward bruises and heavy oppressions on the heart and stomach, Scurvy, Dropie, Madnesse, Convulsion of the Nerves, Running of the Reins, Weaknesse and pains in the Back, Sciatica, and in sundry other cases, and this we do heartily and freely, that so God may have the glory, the Medicine it self a part of its deserved commendation, and the Maker thereof (as an Instrument in God's hand) his due praise.

Christopher Cary

James Hill

Mary Smith

William Jones

Robert Purnell

Thomas Berkin

Evan Llewelin of  
Swanzy in Wales.

Edeth Weekes

Thomas Ellis

Henry Sanders

John Philips.

Walter

*Walter Maresch, Chy-urgion, Richd Arthur, I Joint*

*William Bullock, I Joint*

*William Harum, Chy-urgion, Nath. Merry, I Joint*

*Francis Cox, I Joint*

*John Ayles, I Joint, Walter Johnson, Apo-*

*thecary of Dublin.*

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*This is an abstract of Mr. Merry's Letter to  
home, and of his own case and recovery by his  
Pill.*

**I** Have often had thoughts to communi-  
cate to you the effect of my faith touch-  
ing your Pil, and the virtue I found in it;  
but til now there have been lets. And thus  
it was: The day that I received it, my di-  
stempers were indeed high, and to my ap-  
prehension had almost over-power'd all the  
powers of nature, so that I was doubtful of  
life, I took one that night, which (I praise  
the Lord) had so happy effect, that though  
there were a great war most part of that  
night, yet by the morning (through mer-  
cy) it got the victory, and I was enabled  
to go about my business the next day, and  
in the morning had no sign of a purge; yet  
that day I had about seven or eleven  
stools, which brought away that matter

which I us'd to bring up apud month (which  
 I mention'd in my last Letter) by stool I sup-  
 posed every stool might be the last, & there-  
 fore made no provision to keep warm, more  
 than at other times, but went down to stool,  
 yet was I not faint, or hindered of my busi-  
 ness. I continued the pil taking about eight  
 or ten grains every night; & in the first four  
 or five, or six dayes, it gave me about forty  
 stools, yet I continued strong, & about my  
 business; and after brought me to two stools  
 a day for some few days, and ever since one  
 stool a day, having continued it to this day  
 every night, save about ten nights in the  
 whole time; & it pleased God by degrees it  
 strengthened me, that I being much spent &  
 worn, am now (I praise the Lord) as full of  
 flesh (I think) as ever I was. I had a Child  
 brought home from nurse about 10. months  
 since, which hath taken the pills ever since;  
 When she was brought home, she had so vio-  
 lent a cough as ever I heard, for she would be  
 dead with it to appeare many times; she  
 had the Rickets, and was exceeding vreak-  
 Through mercy her Cough is clear gone, &  
 she grows strong, and I suppose the Rickets  
 are gone, or near gone also. Many in this  
 City & Countrey, who have had it from my  
 hands, have bin cured by it, both men, wo-  
 men & children, as Consumptions, Fevers,  
 bilious



three inches long, and about the bignesse of your round Laces, which she brought presently for me to see, and I saw it; he was suddenly upon it wel.

A Woman of this Town voided six stones with taking one pil.

A Boy about 12. years old had been so afflicted with an Ague and Dropfie, that his Parents thought it would kill him; about two years it prevail'd, having tried variety of meant. At last taking the pil evenings, was in short it me cur'd (though they observed not the usual Rule in that Disease) of both his Diseases; and his belly being much swollen, was brought to its natural proportion.

A Woman for many years in a Consumption, much pained in her head and teeth, and stomach, with a great weakness over all her body; she was so spent, that she could hardly get up the staires, in short time with the use of the Pil, found strength and ease, and at times hath used it about half a year and is now able to follow her business.

A man troubled with a violent pain in his head which would take him at times, and hold him severall hours, had it taken off by three or four Pills.



A man having been a Journey, while in a great heat drank small Beer, with which he took a great Surfeit, and became so vveak, that those who administered physick to him would give him no more. From the first pill (though a little one) he found ease; and in two or three days was able to sit up; and in and about a fortnights time was wel.

A Woman sick of a Scurvy, had made use of two able Doctors; under whose hands her distemper encreased, she was vveak and faint; her loovers parts swollen, and broad red spots about her body; her thighs and legs afflicted with bunches as big as French Nuts; she indeed had little expectation of life. The first three pills scattered the bunches all abroad, the first Month it sweated her every night much, yet her strength encreased; the second Month it gave her two or three stools every day, yet she encreased in strength; she continued it a quarter of a year, or more, and then being wel, gave it over, and is wel to this day; being about half a year since she gave it over; she perused your Book, and told me she believed there vvas not a greater cure there then here was.

A Boy had a Rhume in his eyes which his Mother shewed to a French Doctor, who askt twenty shillings for the cure; she not vvvilling

willing to give so much, made use of the Pill, and it was taken off with two or three Pills.

A man sick of a Surfeit and Fever three weeks, had his water shewn to two Doctors, whose Judgement was that it was a dead water; and the Doctors which was with him said, he would die that night; a friend of his hearing it, who knew the Pill to be a good thing, came to me and related his condition, being very weak, and desired some Pil for him, with my advice in the taking of it; that night he gave him one, upon which he slept, and when he awak't, the Woman which had the Pil for him (for she carryed with him to see the issue) ask'd him how he did; he told her he was pretty well, and in the morning thought he could go to work. He took but two in all, which removed his distemper, and he walkt about thinking to wear it out the dog-days, and then to fall to it again, he apprehending some danger in taking of it in those days, til he came for some for another; when he told us how he felt his disesse remove, and that he forbore for the reason aforesaid, though he found some weaknesse about him; but I told him he had done well to have continued it a little while: He was glad of the Liberty, and took it presently, and

and immediately upon it found his strength encrease, and saith he is as well as ever he was.

A Woman after her lying in, had a great oppression at her stomach & heart, attended with a great weaknes for about half a year, which the Doctors could not tell what to make of, nor how to remove; they would have carried her to the Bath; but she was so weak they durst not venture.

It pleased God that the first Pill she took she felt it remove from her stomach and heart, and fell as a great weight into her belly: She took not above five or six Pills till she was well and strong; she sent for some more, not to take, but to keep in the house.

A man greatly afflicted with the Cramp in all his Limbs, had it removed with two Pills.

A strong man in the Countrey after labour (being very hot) would drink Water, (although he might have had strong Beer) and went and lay upon the ground: With which he took a great Cold and Surfeit, and after some dayes (lying in a violent Fever) became light-headed, and continued very light eight dayes before I heard of him; that very night as soon as they got home, (being at Frome, 18. miles from this City) they gave him a Pill, after which he fell in-

to a sleep and sweat, and about a fortnight after it pleased God there was vword brought me that he vvas at work: From that place they have sent several times for more for others; but a particular account of it I have not yet received.

A Woman in the Countrey sick of a Fever and Ague, sent for half a quarter of an ounce of pills: before, or by that time it was all used, she was wel.

A Merchant of this City being 30. years afflicted (sometimes once in a Month, sometimes once in six weeks, & sometimes in a quarter of a year (vvhich vvas taken by a fright) of a disease like the spleen & stone in the kidneyes; he hath tri'd *variety of means*, but found them *ineffectual*, his *pains* would be so *violent* for several days, that would much weaken him, & keep him in a doors; several days after being at his house, and hearing him speak of his distemper, I told him what benefit I had receiv'd from your pills, upon which he told me that about 2. or 3. years since he had taken some one pil or two, but vvas frighted from it by some that affirm'd there vvas great danger in the pil, but he seeing the effect of it in my countenance, knowing that I was much spent when I first took it, & considering the time that I had taken it, concluded it most befriently to nature,

cure, and resolved to take it; it's now a boye half a year since that he began to take them, at the time of his fits, or vvhhen any thing ails him; & now through the blessing of the Lord he tells me, that it easeth him presently of his pains, and the next day he is about his businesse, and doth believe if he took it constant, it vould cure him; and now is willing that others should reap the like benefit, having advised others, who find good also.

A strong man of this Merchants, who went upon one of his ships, had a great cold and cough; his Master advised him to take a pil; being unwilling to be mastered by a cold, vould take nothing; but at last it so much over-pouer'd him, that he vvas persvaded to take a pil, and he found such refreshment in that one pil, that he thought he need take no more, but he sent for an ounce to carry to sea vvith him.

An old man aged threescore, that had bin alvvays a hard labouring man, & is stil, was three or four years afflicted vvith paines in his ancles, arms, vvriste, elbowvs and shoulders, had it taken off vvith about six pills, and follovvs his Work comfortably.

A Woman three years afflicted vvith a disease call'd *Anthony's fire*, she had all over her body, arms and face, broad red spots, like  
scalds,



Scalds, with blisters, which would make her sick, and burn like fire; she had taken Physick of several, which prov'd ineffectual, one half quarter of an ounce hath taken it off for the present, but I fear it wil come again, she taking no more: But it is now near three Month's since, and it doth not yet trouble her.

A man near fourteen years afflicted with a stoppage in his stomach, and lately with the Wind-Gout in his hands, arms and legs, his legs swollen as big as two, and to this by a Cold was added a Surfeit and Fever. The first Pill this man took, sweated him much, and took off his Fever; and in taking of four more, the Gout, and the swelling of his Legs was taken off, also the stoppage of his stomach fell lower every night; and in about a fortnights time brought up above two Gallons of corruption. He took of the Pills evening and morning, it pleased God in about a fortnights time, or a little more, he was able to follow his business, and since takes them when he finds any thing ails him.

A Woman afflicted at her heart, and in all her Limbs, in so violent a manner, that her neighbors concluded of nothing but death, but it pleased the Lord who alone makes every thing effectual, to bless the use of this

to her; so that three Pills were instrumental perfectly to recover her.

A Child taken in a violent Fever, had it removed by one Pil, which sweated him very much; and in the morning the Boy vomited up something like dead flesh, and remained well.

A poor man's Child a fortnight in an extraordinary Fever; had it taken off by one Pil.

A Woman troubled with a Disease which they call the Convulsion of the Nerves; she could not stir one finger of either hand, elbows or shoulders; her fingers drawn up like a Fist, and fixt; three Pills set all her Joints at liberty, to her great comfort.

A woman through torment with the Cramp, could not lie in her bed; had it suddenly taken off by this Pil.

A Woman for a fortnight lay in tormenting pain, as was supposed, of the plague in the Guts; several things were taken to give her ease, but they proved ineffectual: she could get little or no rest day or night, but would rear out of tormenting pain, and at last talked idly. The first Pil that she took, eas'd her in a little time, and so soon as she had ease, she fell into a sleep, and when she wak'd, she found no pain, save a soreness in her belly, which we concluded was the violence of the Wind with

her former fits, after which she had no more fits, but in few days was perfectly wel.

A man cured of the Sciatica, a particular account of the manner I have not yet received.

A Woman taken sick of a violent Fever, took one Pil in the day-time, and presently applied to her bed; which Pil sweated her, and eas'd her in about two hours: She being wel to her thinking, rose, but in little time she became much pained, and had almost lost her senses. She supposed (as wel she might) that rising was the cause, presently made halt into bed again, and in little time received her former ease, and sweat much that night, and the next day was wel and about her business.

Although I could mention cures more eminent, yet I chuse rather to mention this, that it may be exemplary to others; for I know those that have not been so prudential as to see the cause, but have remained up to their hurt, and have been apt to lay the fault on the Pil; but their keeping to rule more careful, hath soon convinc'd them of their error.

A man four miles from his own home, fell into a Fever, and the next day was let blood, and advised by the Doctor to drink great draughts of Anal-beer; his Fever increased till he was almost light-headed, and then being advised by a Friend to try the Pil, it pleased

sed God it was taken off with four or five Pills, and in five days went home with comfort to his employment. It sweated him so much, that his pillow was as wet as if it had been in a River.

A Child fourteen years old, crying out exceedingly through torment by wind, and many times its breath would be almost stoppt and discolour'd in its face; they much doubted it would prove the Convulsion-fits. This Child took it but two or three times in such a dose as was suitable so that age, but it wholly removed the distemper, and the Child proved well after it, and (so the Father's expression) look't like a picture in a glass.

A man having been long under the Doctors hands, given over by his Friends and his Doctor, who advised his Wife to lay out no more money, but wish him to make his Will, concluding of nothing but death; the Doctor took his Disease to be a Consumption (and indeed he was much spent, and every week) A Merchant of this Town being with him, advised him to prove this Pill, of which he had great experience, which he did; he found great refreshment by it, and in a little it broke an Imposthume within him, and (so he told me) he brought up three quarters of blood, and the bag which

held the imposthume, at five several times, which he told me was as large as two sheets of paper, part of which I saw, which was of a thick substance; it cleansed, healed and strengthened him. And being with me a little after, told me he was as well as ever he was in his life, and was encreased in flesh.

A man for a Months time madd, inso-much that they were constrained to bind him, and they used that unlikely way of beating him, but proving ineffectual, they made use of this Pill one every night, which bound him ten days, and then he had a Clyster of Milk and Sugar administered to him, after which he had about eight stools a day for several days, and there followed health of body, and clearness of understanding, and so remains, being about a quarter of a year since.

Very many have been cured of Agues this Spring by the Pill.

Sir,

**T** Hese Relations are true to a tittle, to the best of our memory and understanding: Many more that have had of your Pill from me, have received cure, ease and good in many Diseases; as Consumptions, Dropsies, Fevers, Agues, pains in the head, aches in limbs, and colds, pains in the breast, tooth-ake, swellings



in the face, great pain with sore legs, people taken suddenly, Surfeits, Running of the Reins, and weakness of the back, and many distempers unknown, I conclude

Your loving friend,  
Nath. Merry.

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Here followeth a Letter from Mr. Peter Pykeringe of Epsum, of divers special Cures perform'd by this Pill upon several persons, which he sent up on purpose to be made publicke, Viz.

Mrs. Mathews,

I Have had some urgent occasions which have hinder'd me from giving you this account sooner, of those great effects wherewith the Lord hath blessed the use of your Pill the last Summer here in Ebbesham. The first, and not least remarkable, was on William Woodman, aged above threescore, having taken a very dangerous surfeit, look'd upon by all that came near him, as a dead man, with an extream pain in the head, which had almost made him distracted; within half an hour after the taking of the first Pill, his pain of his head incessantly ceased, and took not above four or five Pills before he set to his meat both with appetite and digestion

gestion, and is ready to testify it to any. Mr. Bates, and *Amphalis Potterton*, and the Bakers Maid of our Town, and Mrs. *Maynard* the younger, were cured of Agues, following the directions in the Book. *John Farley* almost distracted with a pain in the head, received ease twice within an hours time after the Pill, and was also cured of an Ague by them. A Journey-man Shoemaker at *Letherhead*, named *Will. Primer*, being extream ill of a Malignant Fever, it being every fit expected he would dye; taking 3. spoonfuls of the Antidote, and an hour after 3. spoonfuls more, vomited three times, had three or four stools, fell into a sweat and sleep within three or four hours time, and the next morning was, and so has continued well. A Gentlewoman that lodges at *Ebbesham Court*, being seized on with a very violent Fever, accompanied with faintings, by the use of the Antidote, being followed with three spoonfuls every two hours, so well recovered, as she went the next morning to *London*. *James Palmer*, *Robert Bird jun.* and his Wife, *John Bartlett*, Goodwife *Janes*, old *Alice King*, and several others which would be too long to insert, of that Epidemical Fever, with not above four Pills a piece. Old Goodwife *Parker* being always subject to a Drop sic and Prifick, when she finds

finds her self ill, takes a Pill or two, and is relieved of both. Goodwife *Charwood* big with child, and having got the Fever, was cured with five pills.

These I am confident will not deny the mercy which God hath shewn them in the use of the means, which I suppose may suffice to give any reasonable person satisfaction in the safety and virtue of your Pills, for which I do desire that all would give the glory to the only giver of the effect, the only wise God, to whose mercy recommending you, I rest, with my respects to you and your Kinsman,

*Ebbesham, May 1.  
1662.*

Yours in all civility,  
*Peter Pykeringe.*

My own Wife ill of very violent fits of the Mother, is cured, One Goodwife *Stee* of the Wind and Gout, cured with the Pills and the Oyl of Amber.

Least the enemy should surmise that the ver-  
 tue of the Pill is not as it was in my Hus-  
 bands Life-time, if we set down no late ex-  
 periences, although it is so that those that  
 have formerly sold our Pill, who have  
 told us of many late ones, and great ones,  
 yet now being they are turned from me  
 to buy of the Imitators Pill, and do not go  
 on to send me the records of their experi-  
 ences as they had promised. For I fear, as  
 well I may, that the Imitators aforesaid may  
 either desire that they may have their ex-  
 periences to Print, for the honor of their  
 Pill, or at least that they may be kept from  
 me; which they may do with as good a  
 Conscience as they did what is recorded  
 in this Book And because there is already  
 many experiences recorded that were  
 brought to pass by Gods blessing upon our  
 Pill, for it is the same Pill which passed  
 through the hands of us all three, viz. My  
 Husband, my self, and my Kinsman, *Michael Lines* who made it in my Husbands  
 Lifetime, of which there is as much yet re-  
 maining, as is like to serve us selling some  
 Years yet to come.

*I will onely at this time record some experi-  
 ences that came to my own hand, by those that dealt  
 immediately with me, for brevity in Printing of  
 many more, these few following shall serve.*

**A** Late Alderman of *Lincoln*, Who is so  
 Eminent a man, and his Cure so pub-  
 licly known, that almost every man in *Lin-*  
*coln* knows who it is, came last *December*  
 from the Spaw in *Torkshire* so full of the  
 Gout, and other pain in the body, fir-  
 red up; but not taken away by the Spaw,  
 that he lay in great pain, and under the  
 eminent st Doctors hands thereabouts last  
 Winter, at latter end whereof the Phy-  
 tians gave him over as incurable; After  
 which he took of my Pill, and through  
 Gods blessing thereon was set up out of  
 his bed, and eased of pain, but then by  
 the perswasion of some Physitians to  
 take Physick of them to Clear his body,  
 but brought to deaths door again, so that  
 he himself and all men looked for no help  
 but death; after this he took again of my  
 Pill in *April* last, and it by Gods blessing  
 set him up again; all this came to my know-  
 ledge by a Letter under his own hand. And  
 now in *July* last, a Friend of mine had a Let-  
 ter from him that he is in health.

The Wife of Mr. *Edward Goffe* Minister of  
 great *Cheveral* in the County of *Wiltis*, so weak  
 that she could neither go nor stand, but was  
 lifted from place to place, for two or three  
 years time; but afterwards made use of our  
 Pil and within two or three months, could go  
 about



about the room, and since that is so recovered, that she walks abroad, and continues in good health and strength, as we are informed.

A Neighbour's Daughter in the *Bulmark* very sick of a high Fever, having all means by Physick used for her recovery, but proved ineffectual, so that she was given over for dead: her Mother at last sent for me, shewing me her Daughters desperate Condition. in regard she was so dangerously sick and weak: I advised her to take some antidote, and sent it to her by *Michael Lines*, who ordered her how to take it, which she took accordingly, which proved so effectual, that as soon as she took it she fell a sleep, having not slept in many days and nights before, and was much eased, when she awaked: the next time she took it, being 4 houres after; after she awaked she grew very hungry, fell heartily unto eating what was provided for her, speedily recovered, it being about a month since, and is now in very good health, she is a Goldsmiths Wife in the *Bulmark*.

*John Manshal* Bricklayer in the *Mynories* in *Fountain-ally*, being extream sick and weak of a very high Fever, that was the effect of an extream surfeit, was left for dead of several Doctors; his wife hearing of  
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the Pill made use of that, the first Pill did wonderfully revive him, which caused him to follow the Pill, taking it every 12 hours, and drank sack after it, and in 10 weeks time it recovered him perfectly, so that ever since he hath had his health better then ever before. This is the relation of his Wife, she saith also that it recovered her Son of a violent Surfeit gotten by eating of black-berryes 3 or 4 days together, who is very well ever since, praised be God. She saith it also recovered her Daughter of an Ague in taking of one Pill according to order, onely she took the Pill every day for a week after, which strengthened her Daughter.

*Old Mr. Jennings his Experiences of Cures done since 1663. as followeth.*

**O**ne Amy Keaten in Southwark, dwelling in New-lane near Horslydown new stairs, being great with Child, in March last took a great surfeit by heat and cold, and being Careless of her self at first, as she said, was forced to bed with insufferable pain which tormented her day and night for above a fortnight, and could have no relief in use of means, but grew so bad that she and others thought it would be the death of her and her Child, being grown extream weak in body,

at last hearing of the effectual operation of the Pil in Curing of many that had been left by the Physician, she sent for some Pil, and afterwards told me that the very first Pil eased her of her pain, the next Pil caused her to sleep so well that she went about her household business, and the third Pil through Gods blessing so strengthened and recovered her health that she was very well unto the time of her delivery (and then had a very speedy and safe travel,) continuing very well, with as goodly a man child as ever I saw, blessed be the Lord for this his goodness and mercy for evermore.

Another, one *Elizabeth Fever* in *New-lane* aforesaid, had a child sick of a Fever, altogether unlikely to recover, being extream weak; breathed short, and panted as ready to depart this life, hearing of the Pils effectual cure done upon the said *Amy*, sent to me about *April* last, I went to her and let her have some Pils, and made them sit for the Child to take 3 Pils day and night, she told me that his belly which was very hard before he took the Pils, immediately grew very soft, although the Child had no stool until the fifth day, and that then he had 3 or 4 stools, and forthwith recovered health and strength, so that within 14 days time it was perfectly Cured, ran about to play, and so continueth

tinueth in health to this time, blessed be God.

Also one Mrs. *Green* a *Whistler* at *Shadtemms* in *Southwark*, having been very sick all the Winter as she told me, and used all means she could for her recovery, but nevertheless continued very sick and weak; Aged 60 years, she hearing of the foresaid Cures, about *May* last sent unto me for some Pil. I went and found her very weak with a strong Feaver and other distempers; she followed taking the Pil according to order, and is perfectly Cured and hath so continued for about two month.

1774  
towards in health to this time, blessed be  
God.

Also one Mrs. Green a wife of 24 years  
remains in good health having been very sick all  
the Winter as she told me and used all means  
the world for her recovery, but nevertheless  
continued very sick and weak. Aged 60  
years, the hearing of the forlaid Cure, a-  
bout 1774, sent unto me for some P. I. I  
wanted and found her very weak with a strong  
fever and other distempers the following  
taking the P. I. according to order, and in  
particular Cure and pain is continued for  
about two months.



*The K. hath approved*  
**Pretious pearl**

In the midst of a

**DUNGHIL;**

Being a true and faithful Receipt of

**M<sup>r</sup> Richard Mathews's Pill,**

According

To his Own practice recorded in Writing under his own hand, 1659.

Presented to the World by

**M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Mathews,**

Amongst many sad Complaints of wrongs done to her, and the Commonalty, and her deceased Husband.

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Licensed and Entred according to the Act for Printing.

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LONDON, Printed for *Joseph Leigh*, at the upper end of *Bazing-ball-street*, near the *Nags-head Tavern*, 1663.

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the Temple, 1755.

Now I will in as plain words as I can deliver unto you some choice Receipts, which I think have not seen the light, easily wrought almost by any vulgar hand: Which will be acceptable unto such as are endued with love and good will; & do desire the good of their neighbor. By Rich. Mathew

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*To draw the true Oyle of Amber, the same which I have used for many years with wonderful effect and benefit to the users, and the same of which I have spoken in this Book:*

**T**Ake the Scruff of Amber what quantity you please, (which you may buy at the Druggist) and beat it in a Morter  
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grossly; then take a good new brick, and beat it to powder likewise of these equal weight, and mix them well together on a Table, it is ready.

Take a good Retort of Glass, and put on it a good coat of strong Lute made of blood, lome, hair and sharp sand, and moisten them with strong Brine, lay it on all over the thickness of two half Crowns, let it dry in the Sun; when its dry, look wel, & purge what is amiss, and it is ready; fill this three parts full of thy Brick and Amber, and it is ready to put into thy Furnace. Make a Furnace with a Grate, and lay a cross-bar of iron eight inches above thy Grate; set thy Retort in an earthen dish of ashes or sand upon this bar, let the nose stand inclining so as what condenseth may run out; build up about thy Retort, and keep an inch distance or more, and just at the top of thy Furnace leave a vent so big as an egg may go in it. Note, if thy vent be too strait, thou wilt be puzzled; but if too big, then thou maist with Tile-stird make it less by laying it on the top; lay to it a Receiver as big as the Retort, see that all be dry & well fixed, then with a gentle fire of Charcole under thy grate make fire for twelve hours, thou wilt perceive thy Work to sweet, and a white waterishness to cleave unto the neck

neck of thy Retort, and in thy Receiver,  
 continue this degree of fire under thy grate  
 in the still pit for twelve hours or longer,  
 til thou perceivest it to slack its working;  
 then begin with small fire upon thy grate,  
 govern thy Work with care that it work not  
 too fiercely, for then thou wilt endanger all  
 thy Work, and break thy Vessels; and keep  
 that heat til thou seest it wil work no  
 more; and that as thou perceivest there  
 cometh nothing, encrease thy Fire a  
 little for three hours; and if thou perceive  
 that it begins to send forth white fumes,  
 keep that degree for six hours, and by this  
 time thou must be sure that all the Flegm  
 is come off; then put in a Sea-cole cynder or  
 two, and so by degrees leave Charcole, and  
 bring on thy fire with Sea-cole; it is for  
 thy profit so to do; and by this time there  
 is no great danger, the Oyle is drunk up in  
 to the Brick, and thou with a little encrease  
 of fire wilt make him discharge or spew it  
 out again, and yet keep it from flowing; so  
 that thou wilt receive now a thick black, or  
 deep red Oyl, thou must in twelve hours  
 more scorch off all thy Oyl without fear, for  
 it doth require good and strong fire; and  
 with a tile give vent at the top, which thou  
 laid on in the beginning of thy Work; let  
 all cool together, as it stands, and then take  
 off



off thy Oyl, and have a clean Retort ready, and pour it therein; and if thou wilt make a Retort thy Receiver (which is better) then let it stand til thou art ready for it: take out the Retort with the Capud, and clap into thy Furnace an iron Kettle, and let the bottom thereof seat upon the iron Bar, and leave so large a vent as a small fist may be put down it. Note, this Furnace wil stand in any Chimney-corner (how little soever it be) and with Lime and Hair fix the same handsomely; let the Kettle encline a little, that it may cast the Oyle the better; set into sand thy Retort with the Oyl, let the nose encline that the Oyl may descend or drop; let it stand half an inch in the bottom of sand under the Retort, fill about with the same sand so high as the Oyl in the Retort is, let not the Sand be either too sharp or too fine, but of a middle greet; break the neck of another Retort to go over this; if it be two inches wide, then it need not go over above one inch; but if it be but one inch wide, it had need go over three inches; lute it full about with starch and paper, do thy Work neatly like a Workman, make a Sea-cole fire under gently, until all the Flegm be come over, and after increase thy fire. Note, that if thou hast wrought wel in thy first draught, for each pound

pound of Amber thou wilt receive of Oyl and Flegm thirteen ounces. When thou hast drawn all over with gentle fire, repeat the same again the second time, then hast thou attained unto that Oyl as I constantly sel for four shillings the ounce, and sometimes six unto Gentlesfolks, and sometimes for nothing. Thou maist note, that I have of the same which hath been thus rectified above ten times, that I never sold any of it under twenty shillings the ounce.

Thus I have given thee without any knot, the true and plain way of my own Work, which I have done of my self without any guide or teaching, but as God hath taught me, and therefore know not what way other men take: Accept them at my hand, therefore whereunto I have attained, with as much love as I tender it unto thee.

Many conclusions I have tryed, thinking to advance the worth of this Oyle, but it proved otherwise. Note, that wvith fire thou must not vvrong it, but therevwith thou must feed it, and by fire it doth feed as naturally as thou dost ferd upon thy meat: Many that would be accounted vwise, but choice in their fire, and dare not stir it up, lest all their Work should be spoiled, I am sure they are fools, and spoil their Work for want of fire; for its clearness must not come

with gentle fire, but with oft redifying, for  
 if thou wilt take from him his seeds I sent;  
 know that he is worth nothing, fit for Lad-  
 dies to play with, but not to do them good;  
 and because many will disdain me in this  
 matter, I will take him this more with me, Ka-  
 dolpha Glabber, who saith as much. Note,  
 that it is best to keep this Oyle upon the  
 Plegma as its own Mother; neither will the  
 Oyle soure so soon: I do think in my con-  
 science this Oyle comes the nearest unto  
 a Medicine universall; if strongly rectified  
 ten or twelve times, and the Operator have  
 judgement to keep and hold his spirital con-  
 sistency with strong Lixor, of any Oyle in the  
 World; I have found it so, and therefore  
 so speak.

But because many would faine make this  
 Oyle, who live far off, and cannot get ves-  
 sels; I wil shew them a clownish way or  
 two, that they make a shift as I have done:  
 But first note, I do protest I do not know  
 out of my own hand where this Oyle can  
 be had for money: I have tried again and  
 again that which is sold for it, but I  
 find little of the truth there: I do not doubt  
 but it is to be had in divers hands for mo-  
 ney, but where out of my own hand I know  
 not; but that which is Trade-stuff is fetcht  
 more out of the Firr-tree, then out of the  
 scurf of Amber,

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Let the Country Gentleman that liues  
far off, and loves them that God loves, viz.  
the poore, and would faue do them good, let  
him attend to what I say: Take a long necke  
Jugg, the longest you can get, and couer it  
wel with a strong Lute, as I appointed thee  
to cover the Refort withal, put in thy Am-  
ber confett therein, lay thy Jugg upon thy  
iron Bar within the Furnace; let the nose  
be one about ene inch, let not the nose in-  
cline, but look a little upward; set to ano-  
ther Jugg whose mouth will go over his  
mouth, tute them fast together, proceed in  
all points as formerly, and thou hast thy  
desire: And if thou wouldst redime in these  
vessels, before that they be very wel burn-  
ed and glazed, otherwise thou must go seek  
thy Oyl. Or thou must very wel make thy  
first draught in Gluberts first Furnace, if  
thou haue any of them, or any Potter will  
make thee of them.

I will yet commend unto thee another  
way, which is no fable, but what I haue  
wrought vvvith my ovrn hand, and of my  
ovrn invention, vvhich I am sure no inge-  
nious man will despise.

Take a large Funnel of Crooked last plate,  
or of thin Brasse (as my ovrn is of that) I  
haue used the same way, and for the same  
purpose) and take much of its small end

off as thou maist turn thy thumb in it; get  
 a plate of thin iron or brasse, and fit it un-  
 to the top of thy Funnel so artly, that it  
 may lie a straws breadth within the rim of  
 thy Funnel; and if thou canst not get a plate  
 conveniently, take an old Frying-pan bot-  
 tom; if none of these, then an earthen dish,  
 but it wil require a stronger fire upon it; Be  
 careful that vvhhat ever it be, that it fit thy  
 Funnel or Tunnel; then take another earthen  
 dish about two inches deep, or a little  
 less, and let it be almost as wide as the Fun-  
 nel, put it into the Funnel, and take three  
 or four six-penny nails, put them betwixt  
 the dish and the Funnel side, that there  
 may be a straws breadth, or a nails breadth  
 betwixt the Tunnel and the dish, for the va-  
 por to go down by, put thy Amber grossly  
 beaten into the dish; but be sure that thy  
 plate above doth reach vvhithin an inch, or  
 inch and half at farthest, then lay over thy  
 plate, then take a live Charcole and lay  
 thereon, vvhich may vvarm the plate, have  
 ready chalk beaten to fine powder, and a  
 strong Lye made of Bay-salt, and thereof  
 make thin stuff as if thou wouldest make  
 pancakes, and vvhith thy Knife lay this lute  
 upon the edge of thy Funnel, vvhich vvill  
 bind fast the plate and the Funnel, that no-  
 thing can vapor that vvay; take thy Fun-  
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nel, and set it into a large glasse with a narrow mouth, and lute it wel with a linnen cloth and some of the lute, and set thy glasse where thou wilt in thy Window, or on thy Table, it is great pleasure to behold this working, thou maist govern it as thou wilt by thy encrease or decrease of fire, this I have done, and it is speedy, easie and delightful, and almost without charge, only note, thy Oyl comes very thick: Clean all thy Vessels with warm water and soap, and then thou maist rectifie therewith: Thou must take heed to blow away the ashes, that the heat may take the iron plate under it more aptly, the gentlier thou dost fire, the better wil thy Work be.

Of this Oyls Volume were writ of its power and virtue, it would be short of what is contained in it: I wil content my self with giving thee two or three instances, leaving thee to judge of it as it seems good unto thee.

At the beginning of these unnatural Wars, I think about seventeen or eighteen years ago, (for so long I have used it) I my self being extream weak, even as water, languishing by degrees after a sore fit of sickness, which held me from *Bartholomew-tide* unto *Shrovetide*, and for near seven years passing my days in as great affliction

it might be, and go upright, nothing that  
 I could take doing me any good; able to  
 digest no wholesome food; and if I had gon  
 the length of *Tower-street*, it was pain e-  
 nough for me to lie on the bed all the next  
 day after it; indeed having inward peace  
 I did long for death, but it fled away, as  
 God would have it: I knew not what I ail-  
 ed, only whole Nature waited and I peac;  
 and being deaf, I employed a man to ter-  
 rengemy ear; I swooned under his hand  
 four times, that they thought I then should  
 have dyed; the man told me I was the wea-  
 kest man that ever came under his hand,  
 willed me to get good Oyl of Amber, and  
 drink three or four drops in the morning  
 fasting, and he would warrant my recovery.  
 I enquired what it was, and til I came  
 into *Hans Hanger* (in *White-Chapel*) the  
*Hungarian*, I could not learn its virtue: He  
 commended it as one of the most absolute  
 things in the World: He prepared me one  
 ounce, for which I gave him ten shillings,  
 (and if I had given him ten pounds he had  
 deserved it.) I took three drops as I was  
 directed, and two mornings it purged, and  
 no more, but brought me to a right order,  
 viz. once in a day; but before I had I know  
 know not how many stools in a day, and al-  
 so made water almost at every post through  
 weak-

whether, but in three Weeks or a Months  
 time I was repented from head to heell, and  
 was like a Boy of fourteen years old, no  
 ground could hold me, even at once releas-  
 ed of all those burdens and oppressions that  
 I lay under, which did much amaze most  
 that knew me, and I told them with what,  
 although few wvould believe it. This Rele-  
 vation was, praised be God for this Oyl as  
 a blessed instrument thereof, for presently  
 I began again, began to feel my appetite,  
 and digest that which I did eat, which were  
 happy effects to me; what for some yeases  
 know not what it means: And God so or-  
 dered it, that at that very time I was in with  
 a *French* Emperick, which was seryant unto  
 the Prince of *Orange* and from that time I  
 have laboured in this Art of Alchimy, no  
 more. A Child being near death with Con-  
 vulsion fits, its Father, Mother and Grandmo-  
 ther coming into the Countrey where the  
 Child was at Nursey, intending to burye it  
 before they went home to *London*, the child  
 having had thirty fits, some blacke, some  
 white, nothing could interpose, I desired  
 them to permit me the Herbs which some of  
 this Oyl, as indeed it was the first draught  
 only, in hope that by taking it, and the child  
 had no more fits while she had it to nurse,  
 unto this great astonishment. The Nurse  
 said

said to me, that if I would have asked at that time five pounds a drop, I might have had it: But eighteen pence did serve the turn.

Another time I did use to go oft unto a friends house vwhere one lay sick of the Pestilence: I fancied with my self not to be afraid; neither can I say I was afraid; but so it was that I felt something rise and swell under my right Arm: I let it alone two or three dayes, til at last it was so big that I could not get my arm unto my side as I was wont, and to my thinking it was as big as an Egg, and begun to be sore: I then had two sortes of Oyl of Amber; one that was fine to drink; and another sort that was coufse to annoint: I drank my portion of the best, and then I called for my courser sort as I was in bed, and with my left hand annointed under my arm; and while my hand was upon it, it did avoid the place; and set under my short ribs: I followed it with Oyl upon my ribs; and while my hand was on it, it leaped up under my arm again: I to it again under my arm with more Oyl, and while my arm was on it it went I know not whither; the next morning I felt a little pain upon the contrary shoulder, and thus it went away, and I heard no more of it: Blessed be God

for

for his goodness and mercy unto me.

J vvas once almost forced to visit a Gentleman that vvas lame of the Gout: J lefe him pills, and gave him of this Oyl to annoint his feet: This man neglected his pills, only annointed with this Oyl; he told me the next day he vvas in ease, and his foot and leg all alike sore. This man with one or two pills and this Oyl, vvas so vvel, as J observed him, he ran after me to open his doort to let me out, and so at once vvas vvel of his lameness. This is true J have related.

Many by drinking this Oyl only, have voided many stones and much gravel when drunk in white-wine: I do use to rub myself all over vwith this Oyl, & drink it inwardly, and do find the ready vway to cure with my pills. And although it be fire ( for so is my pill) yet do they quickly extinguish an unnatural fire, as all find that use them; thanks be to God for it.

I never knevv Convulsion stand vwith it, but it is ready help, as far as J have proved; & as profitable for any ach of Limbs vwhere ever: Nay, J have known when able Doctors have concluded of nothing but death vwhere extreame vomiting and tearing of Limbs hath been; being left, J have then caused the Patient to be rubbed all over with



with this Oyl, with a warme hand, which  
instantly hath caused cease of pain, & such  
breaking wind as is not to be credited, and  
forthwith health hath followed. This I  
have seen with my eyes, blessed be God for  
it. I leave it to God's blessing in thy hand,  
I think to speak no more of it, this Book ha-  
ving already exceeded my intention. you  
may safely annoint a little child of a Month  
old, or younger, if you have the true Oyl,  
yes as soon as it is born, without danger, &  
I have known it given inwardly at sixteen  
Weeks old, without danger: it is altogether  
discoersive, and not contractive, and there-  
fore safe and profitable for Women that  
have Cankers in their breasts, as I have  
known some cured with my pills, and this  
Oyl, praised be God for it. But I am wea-  
ry of writing, being very burthensome un-  
to me: I cannot but further add, That til  
I knew my pills, I never knew the like for  
all griefs what ever that tooke their root  
from Wind and Rhumes: it breaks Wind  
apparently sensible twentyfour hours from  
off the stomack.

I wil also here commend unto thee ano-  
ther, which I am perswaded may truly be  
accounted brother unto the Oyl of Amber;  
for I have much used it, and found it for all  
inward applications, as this inferior unto



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casticall humors aside, and seriously searched  
ed into the blessing of God hid and covered  
even in despised things; and truly I cannot  
say I have laboured in vain; and indeed the  
Benefit of this one, as to health, makes a-  
mends for an hundred abortives, or er-  
rors.

Take therefore (in the name of God)  
what quantity of Tar thou pleasest, and put  
it into a Retort well luted, and take like  
quantity of Bay-salt, put it into a new ear-  
then Vessel, make a good fire of Charcole  
about it, which is called a Wheel-fire of Ce-  
mentation; and let thy Salt stand mealy  
red til it wil crack no more, and that is cal-  
led decrepitating; beat this Salt to pow-  
der while it is warm, in a stone Morter, and  
then with a wide Funnel pour it upon thy  
Tar which thou put into the Retort, let all  
together fill thy Retort two thirds, set the  
Retort in the palm of thy hand, and mix  
them well by shaking of them together, place  
this Retort upon the iron bar eight inches  
above thy Grate in a dish of sifted ashes, as  
is taught in the drawing of the Oyl of Am-  
ber, proceed with it in all points as with  
the Oyl of Amber, only at the last give  
violent fire for twelve hours, thou shalt re-  
ceive three substances, viz. in the bottom  
of thy glass thou shalt receive a white Bal-  
some,

Balsom, which is of unknown worth and  
 vertues to my self I speak, the least heat dis-  
 solves it: but I never made any experiment  
 with it; but gave it to a friend which  
 used to handle hard tools, and he had  
 a Corn for divers years in one of the joints  
 of his finger, which was a daily grief and pain  
 unto him; he annointed it with this Balsom,  
 and it did swell and rise, he took a sharp knife  
 and did cut off what did rise up, and then did  
 annoint again, it made it to rise again; he cut  
 it again, and then did annoint again, and it  
 did swell and rise again; this labour he continu-  
 ed til the Corn came perfectly out, and so  
 remains unto this day, which is now at least  
 these seven years: I know no wise man that  
 considers what I have said, but wil grant that  
 which hath power thus to work, can also go  
 further, when a wise man hath it in his hand.  
 Above this Balsom thou wilt receive a sower  
 Flegm, I do not know any thing it is good  
 for, and above that thou wilt receive a deep  
 red Oyl, which separate from this Balsom &  
 Flegm, and that rectified once in ashes, and a  
 second time in *Balneo Maria*. Thus far I went  
 with it, and no further, for my own use, and  
 I found it precious above Gold. There came  
 a fat man to me once that was troubled with  
 strange fits, and would beat himself, and foam  
 at mouth, and when any thing did overcharge

his spirits, he would fall into those fits: J gave him some of this Spirit of Pine, and willed him to drink four, five, or eight drops, and more, as he found it work, and that he could bear it; in a Weeks time, or a little more, he sent me word he was cured: J willed him to proceed for some time however, and one morning after he had drank this Oyl, going among his Neighbours, they smelt a strong smel; at last they said it was like Tar; he fancied J had given him somewhat made of Tar, chusing rather to have his fits stil rather than take any thing of Tar: J think it is very fit this man should keep his fits stil; onely J am afraid, he hath some fits more than doth him good. The abundant mercy from Heaven is manifest in the freedom of Nature to all men which offers her treasures free without price; and God gives Wisdom to men to find it out and happy is that man whose heart is set open and free to do good, imitating God and Nature in their bounteous gifts; and as palpable is that mans folly, who deprives himself of those blessings freely offered unto him; and thrice more wretched is that man who withholds those mercies from mankind unto whom the highest hath freely granted them: For what have I or another that we have not received? And wherefore have we received, but to fulfill the ends of the giver?

Miserable



Miserable is that man that wants that witness in Heaven, and in his own Conscience; the blessing that I have received in the taking of my Pil, and in the giving it to others hath hindered me from making thorough proof of this Oyl and Balsom; I have given thee a plain Receipt, and leave thee to Almighty God in the use of it; I know no more, but to drink it in the morning two hours before meat, it breaks wind upward all day, and causeth appetite, digesteth meat; and where these are, there will not want strength; so I write, because so I have found by good experience. Note, drop it upon a spoonful of Ale or Beer, and handsomely throw it down that thou touch it not, nor let the spoon touch it, so will you smel of it either not at all, or very little; and the like for Oyl of Amber; but when you belch you will tast it, hardly else: I know the scornful will not touch it; but the pained will be glad to use those things that doth them ease.

Now I will plainly give thee a plain receipt which hath been kept up as a great treasure; and so indeed it is, as I think no man of any judgement but will so judge it: I cannot speak of my own knowledge much of it; but my good friend from whom I

have it, hath been for many years relieved by it, when other means have failed him; and he being satisfied with my pressing desires to do good, freely gave it me to that end, and I freely give it you; it will speak for it self; it is of very inconsiderable preparation, and yet of great effect; and thou maist prepare as much in few hours as will contain one thousand doses. I know there are many good Gentlemen and Gentlewomen which desire to do good unto the r poor neighbours; I entreat them to attend to this; I have done it, it is so easily done, as it deserves not the name of a Chymical Preparation; I also have known it safe and profitable, and worketh so sweetly, as indeed it is a Medicine to be desired,

*To prepare Antimony.*

**T**ake one part of Antimony, and six parts of the best India Salt-peeter, pound them together, and serce them through a hair-sive: take a strong crasible three square, and let it stand clean in a strong fire of Charcole, (have a spoon tyed unto a Rick) put in a spoonful, and it will burn; put in more and more as it burneth, til the crasible is full: take a clean Tobacco pipe, with the little end stopp'd

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Morter (clean) stand by you, and with your  
Tongs take up your Crucible, and empty it  
into the Morter; set it again in the fire, and  
go on as at first, until you have done all that  
you intend to do for that time; have a care  
to keep strong fire, it should be upon a Grate  
that it may be strong; bring this unto fine  
powder, and serce it through a Lawn Sieve, &  
it is prepared for your use. Note, that if it do  
not fire as you do expect, touch it with a live  
coal, and set it on fire, or smelted with wood

Antimony thus prepared, is depurated of  
all its fetid & poisonous qualities, losing ut-  
terly its malign heat; it purgeeth copiously  
without trouble and molestation, all cools,  
cold, & Tartarous, humors, & openeth all  
stopped passages.

*To prepare Scamony.*

Take of the best Scamony what quantity  
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bers, and throw in Brimstone into the fire,  
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and when you perceive that it sticks unto the paper but as thick as a half-crown or Shilling, cast off the rest upon a clean paper, and with a spoon scrape off what sticks upon the paper; for it is prepared; then put on again the powder of Scamony, and cast into your fire more powder of Brimstone, til you perceive that some doth stick unto your paper; then cast off the loose powder, & it scrape off with a spoon as formerly, and this Work you must repeat untill all your Scamony have been scrap'd off in like manner, then is it all prepared; but you must be sure to take it off as soon as you can, lest your Scamony quite lose all its virtue, as it wil if you fume it too much with the Brimstone.

Scamony thus prepared, is good against eboler and all thin hot humours, having in it neither savor nor smel, and purgeth very easily, and without pain, which is contrary unto all other preparations.

*The preparation of the Cream of Tartar is ordinary, or the Chrystal of Tartar, so be had at any Druggist, used in this potion.*

**N**ote, that all these three are to be kept close in fine powder, severally in Glasse Bottles.

The

The greatest dose for men; Antimony ten grains, Scamony fourteen grains, Tartar eight grains.

The ordinary dose for men; Antimony nine or ten grains, Scamony eleven or twelve grains, Tartar six grains.

The lesser dose for men; Antimony six grains, Scamony nine grains, Tartar five grains.

For children betwixt seven and fourteen Antimony seven or eight grains, Scamony five or six grains, Tartar three grains.

For sucking children, and under seven, Antimony two or three grains, Scamony four or five grains, Tartar three grains.

To children give it with Sugar or some sweet liquor; but to others as you please; if the Ague or Disease cease not at the first time, give it again four or five times, ever diminishing the quantity, because the humors being once stirred, they are the easier carried out; or if this portion do little the first day, then add more with discretion.

This Powder you may use in all Diseases where Humors do offend, either simple or compound; hot or cold, thin or gross, clammy or windy, worms, or extention above Nature; it helpeth the stopping of the Flowers, the extention of the belly, the Dropsie in the beginning

beginning, Tertians, Quartans, and all sharp Feavers, Chollick, ill appetite, watchings, thirst, unquietness of mind; it helpeth the Small-Pox and Pleurisie; it is not to be given where is great evacuation, but expletion and fullness; it is much better then letting of blood.

Mr. Vaghan of Smarden in Kent, cured with this Powder, of a Chollick, which nothing else did help.

As for this portion of Physick rightly prepared and applyed, I do believe (considering of the inconsiderableness of the preparation) the World never had any better; and I trust in God I have done good service unto my Countrey in bringing it to light; but if any be envious, and are disposed to cavil at it, all that I desire of them is, That he would let it alone.

*The true Preparation of Crocus Martis.*

**T**ake the Filings of Steel, what quantity you please, which you may buy of the Druggist, and put it in a broad Earthen wel-glazed Dish, and sprinkle it twice a day with strong Vinegar: Set it in the hot Sun, or cover it with another Dish, and let it stand upon Embers the night time: Do this for one month, now and then stir it up, and

and again, give it Vinegar til thou perceive it is all become rusty; dry it wel, and beat it to fine powder, then take a large Glasse body, and put it into it, and pour upon it distilled Vinegar (which must needs be so, otherwise thou wilt be as much troubled with the Fecis of the Vinegar, as thou wilt be with the damned *Terra* of the *Crochus*) let it be covered with a blinde head (but first stir it wel) let it in a Furnace of asher, or in *Balneo Maria* for four or five days; look that the Vinegar be deeply coloured red; if not, shake it wel together, and let it stand in the fire til it is; then cast off the clear into a clean Vessel, and put on more Vinegar, and this repeat til thou seest that it will bring no more; take all thy Vinegar, and filter it thorough a double Cap paper (it will thorough by reason of the sharp penetration of the Vinegar) then in a clean glass Vessel vapor all the Vinegar away, or with a Head and Receiver draw off thy Vinegar, and in the bottom thou wilt receive a salt red *Crochus*; but if thou wilt take the pains to repeat this labour again, that is, to dissolve it in fresh Vinegar after thou hast taken it out, and put it in a clean new Earthen vessel, and let it be gently calcined for four or five dayes, and again dissolved, filtered, coagulated

gulated, thou wilt have a Medicine of more worth then Gold: God be merciful to men and women, which instead of this have onely the rust of Iron put into their bellyes. This Medicine is vast in its effects, but most ominous, in all kind of Fluxes. Let it content thee for this time, I have given thee a true Receipt.

*To prepare the Sugar of Saturn.*

**T**AKE what quantity of Lead thou wilt, and in an Iron Kettle melt it, and with a Ladle of Iron stir it; this continue til all the Lead be turned into an ash-coloured powder; If thou wilt (as I have done) add Bay-salt, and continue it over a strong fire til thou perceive it begins to attain a red colour; let it cool, put it into a clean vessel not greasie; and wash out all the Salt well, and be sure thou take all the Salt taste away; as by thy tasting the last water thou must perceive, then dry it well in a clean Vessel, then grind it well upon a Purfry with distilled Vinegar fit for to be used with a pencil, put it into a clean Glass, cover it six fingers with distilled Vinegar; put on a blind head, and let it stand in ashes, or *Balneo Mariae*, three or four days; let all cool, thy  
Vinegar



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Vinegar wil be as sweet as Sugar to thy taste;  
cant of the clear, put on more distilled Vi-  
negar, proceed as before, til it wil yeld to  
thee no more sweetness; Filter all (as before)  
of thy Crocus, vapor away til thou see a scum  
arise up on the top, let all cool, set it in a cool  
place or Cellar, and it wil shoot into most  
transparent Chrystals, which is called the Su-  
gar of Saturn. Note, if it do not shoot into  
Chrystals, thou hast not vapor'd it enough a-  
way: When thou hast took out those Cry-  
stals, vapor the rest, and it wil shoot Chrystals  
afresh; but if thou wilt take these Chrystals,  
and calcine them again, and then dissolve, fil-  
ter, congeal, as is said above, it wil excel;  
I have done it five or six times over: I can-  
not tel thee what this is good for, I know it is  
a great astringer.: It is no part of my endea-  
vour to make my self wiser then I am; let it  
suffice thee for this time that J have given  
thee a true Receit, for I dare not write be-  
yond the Labor of my hand, if thou canst  
believe me, there is no deceit in what J com-  
mit unto thee: Thou must (as J have done  
also) work this out of red Lead; but it did  
like me better to work it out of Lead it self.  
J wil now give thee a true and plain Receit  
of one of the most potent, sharpest Medicines  
that J think is obtainable in the World.

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The true preparation of the Essence of Venus,  
commonly called *Ens Veneris*.

**T**AKE from the Dunghil at the Refiners, his  
dead head, commonly called, *Caput mortuum*,  
that which is left of the *Aqua-fortis*; the  
blackest it is, the better it is, for that is most  
burnt; put it into clean water, and it wil  
dissolve, filter it; let it fine, cant off that wa-  
ter, put on fresh water, this repeat till you  
by taste find no more Sharpness in it; keep  
that water together, dry wel the red earth,  
take of this red earth what quantity thou  
wilt, of Sale Armoniac equal parts, grind  
them wel together, put them into a Subli-  
matory of good glass, [Note, it may be done  
in earth] set it in sharp sand, begin with gen-  
tle fire, leave the hole open at the top on-  
ly, stop it with cotton-Wool, that the  
wily spirits of the Armoniac may go,  
else thou wouldst break the Vessel. After  
twelve hours moderate fire stop close  
the hole above, encrease fire: Thou must  
with thy hand on the Vessel know wel whe-  
ther thou give fire orderly. Note, that af-  
ter twenty four hours, or thirty hours, thou  
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canst not hurt it with fire; let all cool, and with an Hares foot cleanse of thy sublimation, which wil be almost on the colour of Gold: Take that which is sublimed, and weigh its weight of fresh Ens wel ground together, and sublime it again; and this Work thou must repeat four times alwayes upon fresh Ens, before thy Work be perfect: If thou dealest honestly with this preparation (which thou maist do in ten or twelve days) there needeth little other Physick; three or four grains drank in White-Wine, or in any proper Vehicle, always ballancing a proportion by the strength and weaknes of the Patient. This is a true Receipt, as J have done it, let it speak for it self. But J did not pass all the sublimation at once, having no present occasion for it. J have seen this so glorious, as to my thinking it hath exceeded gold. God Almighty prosper that man that strives to excel in wel-doing. Now take all thy water, and filter it very clean, and vapor it away, and thou wilt receive a considerable quantity of fixed Salt, white and good, put it into a strong Crucible, and calcine it in a Reverberatory for six hours; have care that thy heat do not make it flow, but let it be merely red hot; then dissolve it in distilled rain-water, filter it, vapor away the water,

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it is abundantly fairer then it was at first. Note, thy water must be twice distilled, which is best done in quantity in a Copper Still, with a Serpentine Refrigeratory. In this work let dirt sooner fall into thy eye, then into thy work: Then calcine again a third time, and proceed as above, thou hast a Medicine of great force; but if thou wilt repeat this work til thy Salt will yeild thee no more Feces, I dare not tell thee what I think it will do: I know thou art hasty with me, and demands what this fixed Salt is good for: and my answer is as ready, Go look, I cannot tell: But if thou wilt know what a fixed medicine is good for, look amongst the Cronical or fixed Diseases which the Gallenist counts incurable, thou canst not knock down an Ox with a small Mallet, the remedy must over balance the Disease. Note, after this order you may almost gain the Sale of any thing. I therefore have writ this.

Undoubtedly no greater pleasure can be had on Earth in Earthly things; than to be busily employed in the curious pursuing of these things: I do therefore account my self most happy, whose good hap it is, next to the true fear, love and serving of God, to be swallowed up in the daily pursuits thereof. Above all things, see that thou addist thy self  
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to be neat and cleanly in thy work; if thou knowest any thing in Alchimy, thou must know, that with patience thou must work to take a few grains of the excremental parts, out of an ounce of the substantial parts, and it may be work long, and throw all away, and begin again, and this without change or reluctance of mind, being fully resolved to work ever, if thou ever meanest to speed; it's profitably miscarryed if thou thereby art humbled, else thou wilt not be taught: God resists the proud, but gives grace, and teacheth the humble: Therefore give time with patience, for that is of God, but haste and impatience is of the Devil. The greatest mastery is the wel governance of the Regiment of fire, be sure that thou hast *Vulcan* wel yoked in his own fetters; and see wel that his bellows be not too big: Onely, study to make Volatil that which is fixe, and fixe that which is Volatil; and all this after due cleansing. If thou canst so deal with this Salt, thou wilt find bread; thou wilt never want matter; if thou hast this powers be onely is happy whom God teacheth, his true fear is the beginning of Wisdom; then he teacheth the way they shall go. Be not curious beyond Nature. I my self for some years past have much exceeded, following the Chimæra's of my own head: Soar not to things



things too high and beyond thee. Remember the saying of one of the chief Pillars in Physick, *Art is long, life is short; know God is in heaven, and thou on earth; thou canst not fathom his depths in the least natural thing, how canst thou then comprehend him who fills all things?* Be not offended because I am bold with thee, 'tis because I love thee: I cannot but improve the Talent bestowed, and so I shal leave it with thee. If thou counts me a fool, I care not for it, I know it wel, I am contented: if I add a tittle to thee, it is that which I desire: no mans goodnes can add any thing to God, he already is perfect therein, perfect harmony, perfect silence and rest for ever in himself, to whom nothing can be added: But our goodnes may be extended unto the men on the earth; to them that excel in virtue, I strive thereafter, as I receive help; some of these Receipts cannot be wrought by unpractised hands: I can but give as I have received: good wil excites and moves this offer; let it work likewise in thee to accept: in what I have done weakly, be thou more ready to amend, then find fault: if I have deserved rebuke, I wil accept it from thee in any language with thanks.

I will now deliver thee (in as plain words as I can) a most stately Receipt, which I have wrought and given many scores of times with great success.

*The true preparation of the Salt of Mars, Salt of Steel, so called.*

**T**AKE what quantity of Oyl of Vitriol thou pleasest, and put it in an open Glass, or in a well-glazed Vessel, set it upon a stool in a Chimney, put into it for each pound of Oyl, one ounce of Salt-Jem, or Stone-Salt, beaten to fine powder, take the filings of Steel, and with a spoon sprinkle upon the Oyl, and it will foam, boil and fret: have a care thou be not too hasty, for then will it boyl over: continue this shaking in of the Powder of Steel so long, that thou perceive it to be all dry and hard, and will foam and fret no more: then set it in a sand Furnace, and dry it very well, that it be hard, and like a stone almost for hardness: bring this to fine powder, have a good quantity of warm water, and sprinkle this powder thereon, and keep it stirring with a stick, otherwise it will knit to a stone in the bottom: Filter this water, put on more, repeat this putting on of water till it be no more sharpe, let all be clean filtered, and vapor away the

half, or above, and it will shoot into transparent green Chrystals, very fair Vitriol, vapor yet again, and it will shoot again: if thou hast vapored enough of it away, take all the Chrystals, or Vitriol, and lay it abroad on a well-glazed dish, and set it in a Stove, or in the Sun, in his strength, and it will break into white-powder: then put it into a clean distilled water, and it will dissolve, filter it again, coagulate it into Chrystals, it will shoot into far more fairer Vitriol then the first: this ought to be repeated so oft, till it will set no more fecis, but at this twice it will be in a very honorable condition, and so far I have gone: dry it well, it will be a white yellow powder, and keep it close stoppt in a glass for thy use. Of this powder ten or twelve grains in the morning, so for a week together, 'tis profitable to bring the Flowers: if drunk in good White-wine, and stirring upon it, it sometimes causeth vomiting, sometimes purging, and sometimes neither: it easeth the breath of stopping, helps Rickets, and killeth Worms. Give to Children three or four grains, according to their strength, it is a choice Medicine, as I have proved.

If thou would draw the Oyl of Vitriol thy self, take good Copperas, and in a very new earthen pan boyl it dry, beat it to powder, put it in long necks, lute fast, and draw it  
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with judgement as much as the Oyl of Amber is: some calcine it red first, as I have done myself, but for this work it need not so be done.

*A true Receipt of the powder of Sympathy, or the Sympathetical Powder, made of Roman Vitriol, lately commended by Sir Kenelm Digby, but no plain Receipt given, which I here performs and freely give thee, knowing that there is none better.*

**T**AKE what quantity of Roman Vitriol thou wilt, dissolve it in Rain-water, but put no more water then will dissolve it, always leaving some undissolved in the bottom, filter it as clean as possible (let thy water be milk-warm in thy dissolution) put it in a clean glass-body set in sifted ashes, and give it gentle heat, so that it never exceed the heat of thy belly, and in that heat let it vapor away till thou see it covered with a *Catecula*, or thin scum or cream; then withdraw thy fire, let it stand unmolested for three days, covering it well that nothing fall into it: then with a glass-spoon, or wooden spoon take out the Coagulated Vitriol, which is shot into fair green Cristals then kindle thy fire again, and with like degree continue till it be covered with a scum, withdraw

draw thy fire again, let it stand other days, take up again with a wooden spoon the Coagulation: This you must repeat until thou hast the substance of thy Vitriol again, but freed from much of its filth: take all thy Vitriol which thou hast gathered, spread it on a glass, or well-glazed dish in the heat of the Sun, or in defect thereof a clean stone of equal heat with the scum, and rake heed thou dost not exceed, for then wilt thou lose its Vital parts, which are quickly volatil and subtil, neither wilt thou attain any more greenness on thy Vitriol, which when thou perceivest, begin again, all is lost, understand thy degrees of fire better: but if you give it its due heat, then will it break into a White-powder, and the greenness which is its life, will obscure and hide it self; then take it again, and in rain-water distilled twice, dissolve it as at first. Now mark, I bring thee again to thy beginning, and there I leave thee: for this Work thou should repeat so oft, and so long, till it set no more fecis to thee: but conclude when thou wilt, thou seest what Sir Kenelm Digby doth write, viz. *The Ancients did use this Vitriol in its gross body heat to powder.* I have here given thee so true a way, as I know none better: for in this thou bringst it beyond what is fit to be written, and doth hold, preserve, and keep all its power both spiritual,



ritual ; Sympathetical , fixt , and Vo-  
latil.

If thou hast ears, I have said much : what is wanting unto thee, consult with *Van Helmonst* , *Oswald Groby* , *Mr. Boulton* , and *Sir Kenneth Digby* .

Being moved fully with good will , I will here give thee one Receipt more , the like ( I confidently affirm ) never saw the light , for the good of mankind : and whosoever will be perswaded upon my Faith and Credit always to have it truly and faithfully prepared , may with much confidence cease from all other things in the world , and quietly commit themselves and Relations into the hands of Almighty God , in the use of this with quietness and rest : and I speak boldly , if this prove short to correct thy Fever , and heal thy Disease , and hath not power to purge thy blood , and throw out all that is noxious unto thy vital spirits , let thy ails be what they will , look not for it to be done in this world . I pity thy fugitive mind , and pray for thee , when I see thee hunt from one man to another , and from one Medicine unto another , which is indeed the Harbinger of death : but if thou art admonished from thy vain worshipping of men to fall off , and with a quiet mind pray and use this , and therein rest , waiting upon God , I am fully posselt , and perswaded

swaded in my Conscience it is sufficient for thee: And if thou (as blind as *Bayard*) cry out of the strong poison of the subjects, *viz.* *Poppey* and black *Hellebore*: Thou snarling fool cease, and first learn the power of Salt of Tartar, and do not bewray thy folly and ignorance, till thou hast proved its power, lest thou give just occasion of perpetual laughter unto those whom experience hath taught and informed: I do confesse I can exempt no Medicine in the world, but my Pill and Antidote, whose Receipts I may not at present here give thee: And this I protest unto thee, that if thou hast made right use of this that I have here in full and plain words taught, I should have smal hope with any thing that I am made Master of, to help and cure where this cannot: and therefore as thou hast respect unto thy life, consider what I now teach thee; I say, I teach thee under God, for I have not had the least light or guide from any breathing, or from any Book, but God Almighty my Lord and good Master hath been my guide, and therefore I with joy do ascribe unto him all praise and thanksgiving for ever.

*Rec.* Take one pound of the best White Rennish Tartar, and one pound of India Salt-peeter, bring them to powder in a stone Mortar,

Mortar, and serce them through a Hair Sieve, take a Pipkin that was never used, and set it upon Charcole, let the bottom heat as the Coals do kindle, put in a Spoonfull of this Powder, if the bottom be red hot it will burn, put in one Spoonfull after another till all be burned, it is then for this work prepared, and if thou hast wrought well, thou wilt have of a white Salt (but yellowish) seventeen Ounces again of thy two pounds. Take half a bushel of White lime, put it into a clean Tubb, and put on it fair water, that the water may cover it four inches, let it stand all night, take two gallons of this water and put in it thy Salt, and it is prepared for thy work: then take one pound weight of Poppy-leaves, good and red, newly gathered as near as thou canst stamp them and put them into thy prepared water: take also one pound of Juniper-berries, and do likewise: also take one pound of black Hellebore (which thou maist buy of the Druggist for a smal matter) beat it grossly, and put it into the rest, stir all very well, let them simmer upon a fire twenty four hours in a glasse body, or in a Tin Vessel or Pewter, but let it be close covered, then drive all through an Hipocris bag, and it's prepared for thy use: Drink of this three or four Spoonfulls in White-wine and

Sugar, but give more or less as the Patient is strong or weak : to weak children half a spoonful, or a spoonful with wine or Sugar. Note, thou maist do what thou wilt with this, if thou knowest how to apply it for thy health : I desire thee whatever thou art to praise God for this, the like I believe is not made manifest for the preserving of thy health against all diseases, infections, Fevers, Surfeits, this will not fail thee of relief, let thy pains be what they will, nor of cure if God permit : if thou have patience, and will give it time. I have from my conscience spoke my belief grounded upon reason and experience, and freely give it thee, beseeching God to bleſs it to thee, and enlarge thy heart as mine is enlarged ; that is, that thou maist do for thy neighbour as I now do for thee, presenting nothing in this or any thing about it but the labor of my hand, and what I daily put into my own belly : and let me further tell thee, I had much wrestling with my self as in the presence of God, before I could prevail upon the gain-saying that was in me, to draw so nigh thee for thy unvaluable benefit : for if thou considerest, the things are easily attained, every ditch offering thee some of them, and the preparation so trivial, that there is as much art to make a mess of portage:

tage: in this above all other I have deserved well at thy hand, if thou hast a heart to improve it: neither do I doubt, although many will be angry and snatter at it, but this entrance which I have given in this Receipt will stand while the world endures, and get strength, and my memory held in honor for so good service in it. This book hath swelled beyond my intention, yet I am constrained to give thee one Receipt or two more in few words, and so I for this time shall rest, praising God who hath helped me before I go out of this world to perform some real service for the good of mankind in general.

*To make the Drink that is now much used, called*  
**COFFEE.**

**T**He Coffee-berries are to be bought at any Druggist, about three shillings the pound: take what quantity you please, and over a Charcole-fire in an old Pudding-pan, or Frying-pan, keep them always stirring until they be quite black, and when you crack one with your teeth, that it is as black within, as it is without: yet if you exceed, then do you waste the Oyl, which onely makes the drink: and if less, then will it not deliver his Oyl which must make the drink, and if you should continue fire till



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it be white, it will then make no Coffee, but  
onely give you its Salt: The berry prepa-  
red as above, beaten and serced through a  
Lawn Sieve, is then fit for use.

Take clean water, and boil one third of  
it away, what quantity soever it be, and it  
is fit for use.

Take one quart of this prepared Water,  
put in it one ounce of your prepared Coffee,  
and boil it gently one quarter of an  
hour, and it is fit for your use: drink one  
quarter of a pint as hot as you can sip it:  
Note, that instead of Coffee, take English  
Wheat, and thou wilt find it in all points  
as good and as profitable for thee, as I have  
wrought and proved it, and speak it from  
knowledge: and I do from my heart bear  
witness to this drink as the Best and safest  
for the health of mans body: And further,  
I do know that it doth abate the fury or  
sharpness of the Acrimony: which is the  
gender of those Diseases called Cronical:  
And although it doth want fermentation,  
yet hath it the true strength of the grain,  
if it be well prepared, and doth in no wise  
fume to intoxication, for that it is unfer-  
mented: and undoubtedly those which  
love health, will love this drink, and is an  
absolute enemy unto Natures enemies. I  
had thought to have spoken much, and  
from good grounds, of the worth and be-  
nefit

nesse of this drink: but being already enlarged beyond intencion, I am constrained to leave it for this time.

I have wrote many things which will have an ungrateful taste, yet of mighty force for thy health: I cannot conclude this Book, but I must give thee one Receipt more, which will be acceptable unto thy foolish fancy, that in truth thy appetite never tasted a more stately drink, or higher Cordial for health, and yet cheap, and of very easie and vulgar preparation, as followeth.

### To make a choice Cordial Syrup of Black Cherries.

**T**ake twelve pound of black Cherries that are full grown and sweet, break all their stones in a Morter, put them in a Lymbbeck, or in a small common Stillers Still, put to them one gallon of fair Spring water, distill off again one gallon, or one gallon within a pint, this water doth far exceed that which is commonly sold for black Cherry-water: Take all out, and run it through a pulpy Sieve, and wash with cleane water the still or Lymbbeck, and what runs through the sieve of it self, keep to make thy Syrup of, the rest drive through the sieve by force, that nothing be left but skin and stones, and that keep by it self, for thy Syrrup, take the first that is thin, and run through the sieve, of it self, put into it for each pint two pounds of sweet scented Lisbon Sugar, and put into it one quart of Rose-

Refrimater, and one quart of Spiritus must be  
boil all at least eight hours. Note that if from  
first to last the matter be not boiled twelve or four-  
teen hours it will not answer thy intentions but if  
thou wilt feed it with fire twenty hours, thou there-  
with may do wonders. I have so wrought it, and  
baked it over and over several times: And thou  
must know that a Black Cherry is a substance  
unknown, and cannot by fire be made dry, but as  
soon as it is cold, it will draw to it self a moist air,  
and will rotent, do what thou canst; yet I have so  
fired him on feed him with fire, that I could not  
touch it with my teeth, such hath been it's mighty  
force, and for obstructions, all have shewn before  
it; and when I would, taking but a little more then  
ordinary, it would loose my belly, and give a stool  
or two, but if thou wilt make a Syrrup of it without  
this extreame firing, it wil not then be worth an half  
penny, but will be only toothsome, as ordinary  
Syrrups are. I leave thee to judge of it as thou wilt.  
I know for my self, many years ago it was precious  
in its effects unto me, and from experience I had  
of it, I am moved with good will comit it unto  
thee.

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Page 10 line 15. for Bull, read Pill: p. 153  
for Dace mhor. r. Antennae.

**W** Hereas Mr. Richard  
 Mathew my Hus-  
 band in his life time  
 seemed not more real to me  
 his Wife, nor to any other  
 relation whatsoever, then in-  
 deed he was; and if after his  
 death he had been truly dealt  
 with, it could not have been  
 declared that he was less  
 loving to, or less careful of me  
 his Wife, then his actions,  
 words and writings that pas-  
 sed from him in his life time  
 declared him to be: *bono fide*

And when he treated first  
 with Paul Hobson, and after-  
 wards with George Kendale, he  
 took equal care to preserve  
 a the

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the profit of his Pill, both for his life time and mine, if I should survive, as by writings left behinde him doth appear.

He was so trusting a man, as one of those writings testifies, that he desired no Bonds to perform agreements, but a solemn Covenant by promise; for his desire was not to go to Law, but knew that God would be the avenger of his wrongs when any were offered; and therefore how the persons aforesaid have kept their Covenant is left to God to judge.

Can it then be thought that



that my Husband would give his trade of Pill-making to *Jonathan Luddington* and *Abasue-rus Fromanteele* and others, which he often declared both in his health, and on his death-bed he left wholly with me?

2. Again, can it be thought that my Husband should leave so great a stock of Pills behind him as he did, and license or intend that *Jonathan Luddington* and the rest should set up Pill-making by a receipt that he left in their hands, to destroy or lessen the profit of that preparation which was made by his own hand-labour?

3. Can it be imagined that my husband who refused an hundred pounds for the Receipt of his Pill, intimating the reason why he refused it, to be because none should make a continued practice of what he had attained, for the health, use and livelihood of him and his, for them to sell the same as a high prized secret (though it be indeed a thing of great value) but rather leave it free and open to all men; and unknown to his Wife, should leave the receipt thereof to *Jonathan Luddington* and the rest to eat out his Wives trade, and they to live upon

upon the Communality there-  
by when he was dead; con-  
trary to his reason and reso-  
lution when he refused an hun-  
dred pounes for the recelt of  
his Pill?

These things promised I have  
great cause to cry out with  
David, and say, Psalm 124. Help  
Lord, for the godly man ceaseth,  
to see that such highly trusted  
men, and men under such re-  
lations, should in such manner  
as followeth, seek to supplant  
the Widow of their trusting  
friend, the Widow I say of  
him that put the care and over-  
sight of his Wives welfare in-  
to their hands. These my  
husbands professed friends he

made Overseers of his Will,  
 and upon that occasion they  
 professing great care of my  
 affairs, and much love to me,  
 but while they so professed  
 they were secretly preparing  
 for Pill-making themselves, by  
 a receipt that they say was left  
 with them by my Husband to  
 another end, which I am sure  
 cannot be left to that purpose  
 by reason of the things before  
 premised. Had their intent and  
 what they were doing, been  
 known to me, I should have  
 been more close towards  
 them; but they that think  
 stollen waters are sweet, and  
 hid bread is pleasant, are but

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of the Harlots minde; Prov. 9:  
17. for truth seeks no Cor-  
ners. When what they had  
been secretly about was come  
to my knowledge, one of them  
(viz.) Jonathann Luddington  
for their excuse told me that  
I had means enough, which  
excuse was no more satisfacti-  
on to me then if they had told  
me; they were desired to take  
care of my affairs that they  
might opportunely proportion  
on some of the profits thereof  
unto me, and to hold themselves  
to be judges when it had not  
enough, and what they thought  
more then enough for me to  
take to themselves. Accord-  
basing



ing to the order and direction  
that my Husband left, if I  
should outlive him, I printed  
Bills in my own name af-  
ter my Husbando death, and  
did truly make known there-  
in, that my Husband left of  
his own preparing, and ready  
for use two or three thousand  
pounds worth of Pills, which  
may more easily appear, if it  
be considered, that that which  
we give away is as good, and  
therefore as valuable as that  
which we sell, which estimate  
came from my Husband's  
mouth not long before he  
died, which estimate I should  
have found true, had not he  
got 4. 6 trusted

trusted Supplanters intermed-  
 led with my trade. This only  
 end of this Declaration of  
 the quantity and value, was to  
 let men know, that the fruit of  
 the labour of his hands which  
 God had blessed in Pills  
 making, was to be enjoyed  
 from me, although my Hus-  
 band was dead, and at this  
 time I give all men to under-  
 stand there is yet remaining of  
 my Husbonds own preparing  
 a great quantity of Pills in my  
 hands, which may serve me to  
 sell for some years yet to  
 come. I had then when I made this  
 Declaration, no knowledge  
 at

at all that those said Supervi-  
sors that professed so much  
care of me, and love to me, had  
any thing in intention or pre-  
paration towards Pill-making,  
and therefore I could not then  
contradict that I knew not of,  
neither did I print anything  
in my said Declaration oppos-  
ing them. But the persons  
aforesaid (*viz.*) Jonathan End-  
dington, Abasuerus Froman-  
teke and Mr. Gibson also who  
I durst then have trusted with  
any thing that concerned my  
life and estate were so highly  
discontented, that I should  
speak of so great a quantity of  
Pills of my Husbands prepa-  
ring

ring as aforeſaid; for it may  
 be thought, and that upon  
 good grounds, that thoſe Pills  
 which they made would not  
 be bought up whiſt any that  
 my Husband had prepared in  
 his life time was to be had: But  
 the Snake not appearing, but ly-  
 ing hid under the leaves of this  
 their ſeeming care of me, and  
 love to me, to pleaſe them I  
 loſt that impreſſion of Pills, &  
 then in my ſecond impreſſion  
 of Pills, I declared that my Huſ-  
 band left a conſiderable quan-  
 tity of Pills of his own prepa-  
 ring, ſufficient to ſerve me ſet-  
 tling for many months and  
 yeare, and alſo I ſignified, that  
 the

the true and perfect know-  
ledge of the Manual opera-  
tion, composition and force  
of the Bill, is left with me and  
my kinsman *Michael Lythes*,  
that also being likely to hin-  
der the vent of that Pill, that  
they had secretly in intention  
or preparation, so they were  
discontented with that also.  
I little thinking that nothing  
would please them, but what  
would be my loss, and that  
in my disadvantage, their ad-  
vantage remained; whatsoe-  
ver they pretended, I lost that  
impression also. One great  
evil they did unto me was,  
Their Pill when it came forth  
the in



in the name of Mr. Mathew's  
 Pill, weakned the credit of  
 my Pill, and people finding  
 the small virtue, or the naugh-  
 tiness of their Pill complain-  
 ing thereof, when they knew it  
 was not Mr. Mathew's very  
 Pill (as indeed it was not) for-  
 sook theirs of a cheaper price,  
 and gave my price. Also many  
 were discouraged to use my  
 Pill, because theirs which bare  
 the name of Mr. Mathew's Pill  
 proved so bad. A second in-  
 jury that they did, and do  
 unto me is, I which should  
 have had no Competitors in  
 this secret which my Husband  
 attained through much in-  
 dustry

dustry and difficulty, but such as were in Covenant that my Husband made with them in his life time; which Covenants if they had kept, they could have done me no harm after his death in my Pill-Trade. It cannot seem unreasonable to any considerate person, that I ought to sell my Pills at the same rate that my Husband set upon them, who only knew the difficulty of the attaining thereof, who was therefore only fit to set the price thereof. Herein I say is the wrong, I am followed in all places where my chief sale lieth with

with the said Pill and under-  
 sold, it being put off to my  
 chief customers in the name of  
 my Husbands Pill, and I am  
 sure the makers and proffessers  
 of their Pill never had any  
 care nor pains, nor hazard,  
 nor loss, nor venture of their  
 health, by making experience  
 of it upon their own bodies  
 in the attaining thereof, as my  
 Husband had; If it prove bur-  
 densom or costly to the per-  
 sons aforesaid, it will be when  
 the breach of trust is set home  
 upon their consciences. But  
 certain it is, that whatsoever  
 is badly come by, is common-  
 ly sold under the rate the  
 true

true owner sells it at, and it is  
 also certainly equal, that those  
 which atchieve any thing with  
 great difficulty, ought to prize  
 it accordingly. Had not these  
 men put forth the Pill they  
 made in the name of Mr. Ma-  
 thews Pill, and sold our Books  
 with them, wherein were many  
 wonderful experiences, recor-  
 ded that were brought to pass  
 through Gods blessing on my  
 husbands Pill, and cut out of  
 the same Book what I caused  
 to be printed therein and ad-  
 ded, that the Book might be  
 serviceable onely to the pur-  
 port & intent of the Author  
 and also at the first they used  
 my

my Husbands Bills to set forth  
their commodity with.

But if they had ingeniously  
told the people that these  
were the Pills, that those per-  
sons made, who were practi-  
sing to see if they could at-  
tain to the making of Mr.  
Matthews's Pill, they then had  
dealt honestly and ingeni-  
ously with the people; the  
City and Country had they  
understood what they did,  
and then I am sure their  
underfelling of me would  
not have put off much of  
theirs, nor hindered me in  
selling of mine, for no man  
that understands himself can

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be willing to venture his health in an unexperienced composition of theirs; who though they were both wise and honest, may not have presently, it may be not of a long time experience to chuse their Drugs, and if any of them be not good, they cannot do their office in the Composition. And it may be these persons may not of a long time, it may be never, without the direction of those that went along with Mr. *Matthems* in the work, gain experience to know where every thing is perfectly fit to be joynd into the Composition

tion. And it so it be, that one  
 man get experience by the  
 venture of another mans  
 health, I am sure the one of  
 them is not wile; considering  
 that if he need the thing, he  
 may have it from an experi-  
 enced hand, the unexperien-  
 ced hand may chance at one  
 time hit, and many times after  
 miss. The breach of their  
 trust is also apparent from  
 their own mouthes, if they  
 told not an untruth to me a  
 weak Widow, which might  
 have caused me through fear  
 to have served their ends (had  
 not God in his goodness  
 strengthened me against the

deceitful workings of Satan.)  
 This is that they told me,  
 That my Husband had be-  
 trusted them with the Receipt  
 of his Pills to be sealed up, to  
 be published to the world by  
 them after his decease, (and  
 why should it be sealed up, if  
 it should be opened to any o-  
 ther purpose, then to publish  
 to the world) seeming to in-  
 timiate that they did me a cur-  
 tesie to forbear its publishing,  
 which temptation the Lord  
 helped me to withstand, bid-  
 ding them to look to their own  
 consciences; for if my Hus-  
 band had commanded me so  
 to do, I must, and would have  
 done

done it is. But instead of publi-  
 shing it to the world, they  
 forthwith proceed to convert  
 it to their private gain, which  
 considered, it cannot but mani-  
 festly appear, that their words  
 were spoken for to threaten  
 me, and to make my good con-  
 dition in my Trade an excuse  
 for them to break their trust;  
 likewise they declare, that my  
 Husband upon his death-bed  
 gave charge, that they should  
 be careful to publish the Re-  
 ceit forthwith after his de-  
 cease, and charged S. George  
 Kindal to assist them therein;  
 which I have good cause  
 to think is not true, be-  
 cause

ing that they laid their own  
witnesses, but I invented it  
make me to think I was be-  
holding to them, for the  
breach of trust, that they say  
was reposed in them, and the  
truth is, there is no cause why  
those that say they had this  
trust reposed in them, and non-  
withstanding have broken it,  
and those also that have bro-  
ken their Covenant with my  
Husband, should be trusted  
in what they say for their ex-  
cuse (which Covenant was to  
this effect, (viz.) not to take  
the profit of the Bill-trade in  
their hands from us, during  
my Husbonds life and Mine)  
gri d because



because they may with the  
 same Conscience tell any un-  
 truth to palliate their trust-  
 breaking, or Covenant-break-  
 ing, as break their trust and  
 Covenant.

There is no reason, I say,  
 then against so innocent and  
 upright a man, as my Husband  
 was, who in contracts afore-  
 said (of which there is a Me-  
 morial in my hand) took care  
 of my welfare during my life  
 time as well as his own, and  
 who said to me on his death-  
 bed, I leave my Trade wholly  
 with thee, if he had changed  
 his resolution he would have  
 told me, he was so faithful,

that he would not have seem-  
 ed more kinde and careful  
 of me then indeed he was: it  
 is possible that he might  
 speak something that he  
 thought to do, but never did.  
 And if he had changed his  
 mind in any thing in pursuance  
 of his care of my livelihood  
 during my life, he was so wise  
 a man that he would have  
 acquainted me therewith, and  
 have left the matter in some  
 settled way with provision for  
 my good, and satisfaction to  
 me. I do believe that my Hus-  
 band left the Receit with  
 them, which he practised at  
 the time of the date thereof,  
 and

and did faithfully Record every thing therein, that he then used about his Will to be published after his death and mine, which receipt bears date (as appears) some years before his death. But I have cause to be assured, that if it had been intended by him to be published after his death, in my life time, I should have been in Commission with them to that purpose, for there is great cause to conclude, that my dear and loving Husband loved and trusted me as much as any person whatsoever. But though it appeareth reasonable, that it was not to be

be published until my death,  
yet rather then that which my  
Husband intended for the  
publick good of mankind  
should run in a wrong channell,  
I am content and resolved, and  
do here publish that, and all  
that faithfully that my Hus-  
band committed to his said  
Trustees trust, as they pre-  
tended to be.

viz. Take equal parts of In-  
dia Salt-peeeter, and the best  
white Rhenish Tartar, and pound  
them, and drive them through a  
Haire-sieve, and in a yellow Pip-  
ken, or new Chamber-pot of earth  
set upon Charcoal, put it in by  
spoonfulls till all be burned white,  
this

This is called the Salt of Tartar;  
 and, if it will not fire, stanch it  
 with a live coal and it fires;  
 while this is warm, pound it to  
 grosse powder, and put it in a  
 well glazed dish, or which is bet-  
 ter a glass body, and let it stand  
 covered with the oyl of Turpen-  
 tine two fingers high above the  
 Tartar, stir it with a wooden  
 spatula, supply it with Oyl that  
 it be alwayes covered for six  
 months till it be open, and come to  
 some, or be of a body the thickness  
 of Grease, or an Electuarie.  
 This is the true Corrector of Opi-  
 um and all Regenerative poysons,  
 and the greatest Treasure in the  
 world, for which we bless God.

Take



Take of this Corrector two Pound  
 of Opium one Pound; of white  
 Hellebore in powder one pound  
 English Liquorish one pound  
 let all be sufficiently incorpora-  
 ted at several times by a strong  
 arm in an Iron mortar, be sure  
 the Corrector have thorough in-  
 gress, and have a Care to chuse  
 Opium wrapped in the leaf; else it  
 may be sophisticated, and then you  
 will lose your operation. This  
 is in faithfulness the true Bill  
 whereof my Bill and Book speaks  
 and you have proved until  
 December, 1655. R. M.

I have it in my heart, and by  
 Gods assistance will perform  
 it, That, that experience may

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Husband gathered after that  
time in addition to his said  
Bill shall be published after  
my decease, which will be  
found to be very material. And  
that it may appear to all men,  
that what I say is true, this Re-  
ceipt was given under my Hus-  
bands hand in 1659, and ever  
this is the same you have  
proved till 1659, which words  
prove sufficiently, that there  
was no alteration in his Bill  
till 1656. But in his Book put  
forth 1660, in page 98, these  
words are expressed, viz. In  
my first Bill I did not com-  
mend it to women with  
child, both because my Bill is  
not now as then; neither had I  
expe-

experience; but now I com-  
mend it to them, above any  
thing in the World, for the  
health both of mother & child.  
And in the Book printed  
1687, the same passage is  
page 120. and page 121. and  
so also in this Edition.

Whereas some persons con-  
cerned in that Pill that  
sold in the name of my Hus-  
bands Pill, to the end that  
they may perswade people  
that the Pill which we now  
sell was not Mr. Matthews  
secret only; do report that Mr.  
Starkie taught Mr. Andrew  
well as my Husband the same  
Pill; and this seemeth to exte-  
nd as then; neither had I

nuate the wrong that they do  
 me, and lessen the Credit of  
 the Pill in my hand, as if the  
 very same were to be had  
 elsewhere: to that I answer,  
 We have good proof that Mr  
 Storkey denied Mr. Matthews  
 his Pill, and his to be one and  
 the same, and I am sure that  
 my Husband left an writing  
 behind him, which testifies  
 that Paracelsus and Van Hel-  
 mont may claim the principal  
 part of it. There is no man  
 that knoweth my Husbands  
 faithfulness on had intimate  
 acquaintance with him. But  
 they will believe my Hus-  
 band against any contradiction  
 on whatsoever.

*This*

This good man like the labour  
 ing Bee,  
 From various flowers got hony  
 When it was gained he was free,  
 The Poar, sick, maimed to supply  
 The Bee is dead, his hony pure  
 Remaines all ages to endure.

And now it is my busines  
 to pull the iuail from off the  
 face of euil doers, and to the  
 end to examine the fig-leaves  
 under which nakedness would  
 be couered. Whereas they  
 say that I was unwilling that  
 the recit should be printed,  
 answer, I have before shewed  
 good reasons to induce me to

and

to think



think that it was not my Huf-  
bands minde that it should be  
printed during my life, though  
after his death.

But when the persons afore-  
said had debated among them-  
selves whether it should be  
printed or no, and without  
the least enquiry of mine,  
brought me word that they  
had agreed not to print the  
Receit, I would not meddle  
with them, but behaved my  
self as a person unconcerned  
at all with them in this thing;  
wherein they said, they were  
betrusted, but if their profit  
(that underhand, had a Pill in  
preparation) had not swayed  
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with them, there is no question but the Receipt had been published by themselves.

The whole profit of one Pill is mine by right to dispose thereof, and therefore I may with a good Conscience so far as truth directs me hold it, but they get the profit, and hold it by breach of trust, as their own words make good. I have some thing to speak in truth for my self, they may for shame stand dumb having nothing except untruths to say for themselves in this matter, it is manifest that contention ariseth not from me, that would hold  
 show mine

mine own, but from them that would take it from me ; again, whereas they excuse themselves, in that they had cut out leaves which I had printed and put into our Book, to the intent I might make our Book useles to any end, for which it was not printed, they saying, (though falsly) Those additions were lies: I treat the discreet Reader, first to consider whether the said Book were not printed to serve the Pill or no. Secondly, whether it was first printed by my Husband, and after that by me, to serve my Pill or theirs. Thirdly, whe-

ther I might not hang a lock  
 upon my door to keep others  
 from being more then Com-  
 moners with me in that which  
 is mine own. Fourthly, whe-  
 ther those who privily cut off  
 this lock, do not offer decen-  
 and violence to me. But the  
 case thus stated, proves clear-  
 ly that Hypocrisie is apt to  
 make as many shameless excu-  
 ses to save it self from being  
 discovered, as the vilest Male-  
 factors will to save themselves  
 from punishment. And indeed  
 I am more troubled to write  
 the sharpness of truths disco-  
 very of these rotten Ulcers (I  
 fear) then the perpetrators  
 are

are to retain them. It was to the commonalty that Mr. Matthews left the Receit of the Pill, & I desire the judicious Reader to consider, whether these men that conceal the Pill from the Commonalty, and turn it to their own private uses, do rob the Commonalty or no, and if it be proved that any of these men have sold the Receit thereof to any one of the Commonalty, or have taken any consideration privately to his own profit for it, whether he sold him any thing but what was his own before, or stipulated with him for that which was not



theirs to sell, and how great these evils are let all men consider.

Whereas divers persons were frequent in bespattering this Pill in the dayes of Mr. Richard Matthews, which act of theirs might arise from their fear that it took something from their profit, or from their honour which they did take to themselves, as men only fit, because of their learning to finde out the Secrets of nature, and therefore it is likely, that now this Secret is discovered, that the envie of such will more abundantly appear, therefore I desire

fire the unbyas'd Reader to  
 consider, First, whether be-  
 fore any Books were written  
 the knowledge of the crea-  
 tures life was not revealed to  
 some mind from God, and  
 whether the same God, by  
 any part of his word, hath  
 tied himself from revealing  
 those secrets now, or for the  
 world's faith. The secrets of the  
 Lord are with them that fear  
 him. Next it is certain, that  
 if experience had not proved  
 the truth of the narrative that  
 our fathers recorded in writ-  
 ing, God had not been so  
 much glorified as he hath been  
 by his helpful goodness to  
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the diseased in the use of the  
creatures, and it is exceeding  
evident, that Gods mercy  
hath abounded in giving a  
large experience of his blessing  
upon this Pill, to bring many  
wonderful deliverances to  
pass, & that too when the Phy-  
sicians help failed. Therefore  
if any go on for the ends afore-  
said, to defame this Pill, let  
them take heed that they be  
not found fighters against the  
goodness of God, and become  
harmful to mankind, in dis-  
swading them from using that  
blessing which God hath gi-  
ven for those that are in need  
of it.

And

And that they be not guilty  
 of teaching God whose hand  
 he should give his blessing by,  
 who giveth his wisdom abund-  
 antly, for the teaching the  
 simple sharpness of wit, and  
 the child knowledge and de-  
 scretion, which descretion is,  
 when a man understands the  
 words of the wise, and their  
 dark sayings, fitly to apply  
 and compound what darkly  
 the Fathers have writ to those  
 purposes.

**Whereas**

God who giveth  
 his will, and by  
 whom he will,

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 Antidotes, and all things  
 whatsoever have that strength  
 and vertue that is in them  
 from God, and yet notwithstanding  
 all these things are  
 for the use of mankind, God  
 is exceedingly glorified to  
 make contrary things contrary  
 each tother, whilst each doth  
 their office in healing for the  
 body of man, and if God gra-  
 ciously do this by the hand of  
 the child or simple one, who  
 shall dare to despise the day of  
 small things, or this great work  
 of our good God who giveth  
 to whom he will, and by  
 whom he will?

There



There is a sort of people  
 that fall out with the Pill,  
 and bespatter it because they  
 have no good thereby upon  
 their (though undiscree) use  
 thereof, which is as unrea-  
 sonable, as if any should be-  
 spatter the ordinances of mar-  
 riage, to the end of procre-  
 ation, because they are ba-  
 ren.

For it is apparent, that we  
 have quotidian witness of the  
 fruitful use thereof.

And if these men did not fail  
 in their Patience, and discreti-  
 on, it is likely that they also  
 might finde fruit thereof, as  
 for example, if water with  
 labour

labour will wash the hands, yet a little labour, or a little water will not wash those hands that are fouled with Pitch and Tar.

But this is observable of the Pill, that mostly when Doctors Art hath been at a *ne plus ultra*, it hath further proceeded in helping the Patient.

And one reason why it doth mostly then appear virtuous, may be because those that desire life, or health, when they are out of hopes of any other remedy, then they will stick close to it, and heartily (which is a greater means of prevailing then any Physick

sick whatsoever) pray God  
for help thereby.

A second reason is, inso-  
much that the Pill is a great  
strengthenener of nature against  
all diseases, (and I think I may  
say the greatest that ever did  
appear in any one Medecine)  
if there be but a little life in  
nature to be helped, then in  
the weakest condition of na-  
ture there is room for the Pill  
to work, and work for it to do,  
and then the work that it doth  
must needs be visible, and as  
certainly as a stone in rolling  
falleth into the hollowest  
place neer it, so surely will this  
Pill be drove by need to apply  
it

it self, where the bodies necessity is most craving.

But some people when this Pill is, (as it may be, though very seldom troublesom to any) troubling them whose disease may be such, that without troubling them it can do them no good, throw it away when they are very near the manifestation of good thereby; other some that may have a more obdurate constitution to work upon, fall out with the Pill, when the fault is in themselves, whilst their patience will not allow the Pill time to effect its work, or allow to themselves quantity enough

enough for their Dose, to stir  
 nature that is hard to be  
 brought upon, as theirs is.  
 Others that have had ease  
 of pain (as indeed it seldom  
 misses, suddenly to ease pains,  
 whether it be outward or in-  
 ward) by sweating of this Pill,  
 and yet not a full cure, throws  
 it by, because it ceaseth to  
 sweat them, when it may be it  
 hath a work to do in the body  
 by another manner of evacu-  
 ation, for it evacuates every  
 way as need requires, as all, or  
 any other Medicine doth, as  
 by Stool and Vomit, &c. and  
 it may be it may seem visibly  
 to work no way, and yet may  
 perfect



perfect the cure by a gradient  
struggling nature, till the party  
be strong and sound, and grow

And in fine, I dare assure  
you, (except they be) persons  
whose determinate end be  
come, which that God hath  
determined, whose will no  
strength of means can cross)  
there is few or none that useth  
this Pill, and fails of fruit  
thereby, but it is through their  
own impatience or indiscreti-  
on. Therefore good Reader, let  
not the railing of any froward  
spirits, or any whose profit this  
Pill hinders, dissuade thee  
from the good thou mayest  
have by this Pill.

Now

